

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
July 10, 2025 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Vice-Chairman Brink.

Present:

Kenneth Brink, Vice-Chairman
Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer (late)
Laura Mayton, Member at Large
Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large (late)
Robert Super, Member at Large (late)
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large

Absent:

Russell Attebery, Chairman

Jennifer Goodwin provided a prayer and Vice-Chairman read the Mission statement.

Agenda:

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the consent calendar with change to the resolution, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting minutes of June 12, 2025:

Eli Hensher-Aubrey and Kristen King seconded to approve the meeting minutes with correction, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch and Robert arrived at 10:06am.

Guests:

1) David Arwood, Tribal Member:

David is present to discuss his new non-profit. He is hoping to have a sweat house built, a kitchen, etc.

He wants to discuss sports clinics for basketball, football, and baseball. He believes this will assist in support of the community. He has sought program assistance but was denied by programs.

He then commented that Dion Wood made a claim against him about stealing regalia. He wants to be absolutely clear that he did not. All tools were secured in a lock box, all supplies were left behind in the office. He claimed that some of his personal may have been taken or left behind. He is asked to respond to outcome data but he no longer has access to the system that provides that. Documentation of these allegations needs to be provided. The false statements undermine his character and he asks the Council to clarify this and provide written statements. Buster advised that these are accusations made against an employee and are unfounded, no other statements and

he will not permit them in open session. He is welcome to enter closed session to discuss employee matters, but it is not appropriate for open session.

David took the time to reaffirm his commitment to the youth and others who support cultural items.

2) Charlie Caldwell, Community Member:

Charlie is present and noted that they come up and work with Two Feathers. He was working with the gentleman who are doing the skate park in Willow Creek. They are present to discuss the opportunity to conduct a skate park in Orleans. If there is funding available, they could possibly build a skatepark.

Shawn is also working in the local area to conduct mountain bike trails. He has an agreement with the Hoopa Valley Tribe to do mountain bike trails on their reservation. They are taking youth on those trails and will partner with the Hoopa Valley Tribe for Sovereign Days. What he is present to seek is to partner with the Karuk Tribe to come out and build trails for an approved area and do the work voluntarily for the benefit of the Tribe and community. There is a lot of interest and he would like to participate in this activity. He is excited to work with this partnership and develop an MOU.

Charlie noted that there is funding that may be available in the future.

Maymi works for Two Feathers, and these folks have both been coming forward on their own interest. When the Tribes Transportation Department identified this as a potential project, there was discussions on a park at that time. They want to work on an MOU for trails.

There was a also a comment from another staff member on mountain bikes and skateboards, and equipment is needed. He hopes to have a partner in the community. Binx asked for clarification on the collaboration. The skate park is seeking the total funding for them to build a skatepark on the Tribes land? Yes.

Charlie then noted that kids working in the community at the school event were able to share boards and show kids how to use equipment.

The mountain bike group is volunteer and take donations but they do the work for free. They want investment into the project and community buy-in. Outride is a funder that funds bikes which provides equipment and is funded to Two Feathers. He asked for an MOU for the bare understanding that this project is for the benefit of the Tribe and if they don't want it then ok. They just want to work together. Two Feathers will work on the scheduling and they will work with youth as soon as possible.

Old Business:

There was a request for a Facebook account for the HHS program by Susanna Greeno, and it was explained that the controls and the use of creating this. Arch will send his inquiries regarding closed session as well.

Director Reports:

1) Ray Elliot, Director of Human Services:

Ray is present in Yreka to review his report. First, he started off with a moment of silence for the loss of life recently.

He has received numerous diapers from agencies and if there are individuals who would like access to this service then they can reach out to the department and they will provide assistance.

In the last 45 days there has been a lot going on. There was a line open for grief for seven days but there wasn't much use. They will continue to provide this service for the community should it be needed.

He thanked the Council for their ongoing support of Lelanette and their program development.

He had a meeting yesterday with Gaming, Housing, as well as others. He found that gaming and housing have their own signage but they will collaborate.

There has been a lot of discussion with the Council on BCHS and he has been working with Trista on additional services through this funding opportunity. Emma Lee has been doing an excellent job in guiding staff and assisting in evaluating options.

The homeless housing assistance is ongoing. The Council had a discussion with Amy Lantz on a transitional house for women. He did tour the Yreka Comstock House and he will be discussing this with the HHS CEO on funding and assistance for this.

Arch noted that the resolution should have the correct date noted. Robert commented that the Council has been discussing a women's transitional house so he asked for an update on that avenue. Ray reiterated his earlier update.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Ray's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi is present to review her report. She did interviews for the PHN and courier. Both have been selected. There is a new FNP in Happy Camp and they will do a locum to permanent placement. The HR Department Park Model will be used for the new provider temporarily.

She had a meeting with the FMC CEO to discuss ways to collaborate.

Lulu has left HHS and is in DNR, and they wish her luck.

They continue to recruit providers.

Jennifer noted that the budget always stays the same. She noted that when there are expenditures then the budget should reflect what is spent. Rondi reported that this is what she is finding in the system, so she is reporting on it. It was unknown if charges were being coded correctly and it will need looked into.

Robert discussed the patient visit count and the frustration with the number not going up. There was a discussion on the dental providers numbers going up. Rondi will work with Dr. Skoblar and there is work being done but with eClinical, it is taking more time but it will get faster overall with better data.

Jennifer asked about provider services. Dr. Skoblar is coming down on Monday and telehealth visits will be providing coverage. Orleans is still operating.

Arch asked if providers are provided visits and lunch tours to check the area. Rondi noted that when providers do come they do site visits and a meal, to ensure there is some discussions on the area. He also asked about meeting with Darlene on her budgets to understand them. He would like to see a little budget information in her monthly reports. There are grants and operating budgets that should be reflected. She noted that she is going over grants and her management is reflected in her report. He asked that there is a spreadsheet of funds, grants, and percentage spent. So that is needed. Something that helps the Health Board see what grants are managed under the HHS Managers.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Rondi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Merris Obie, CWS:

Merris is present to review her report. There was a meeting with Humboldt County scheduled for June that did not take place and is rescheduled to July. It is an important issue and she will keep the Health Board informed and possibly get attorneys involved at some point. Robert asked if she feels it would be good for tribal representatives to attend. Kristen, Jennifer and Merris attend this topic, meetings, and follow-up. Robert asked if more legal assistance should happen but it was noted that at this time it is staff and Council Members. He added that this was a discussion nine years ago, and it is still an issue. Ray will attend the meetings from now on to ensure this matter is followed.

The technology position is not filled at this point. It is still be advertised. They're tightening up the agendas, minutes, etc for the ICWA Committee.

She was able to spend down over \$100,000 in grant funding as allowable.

They have a plan regarding the surplus supplies and they have access to that equipment as needed. There is a system for accountability. Merris noted that there are cameras and for accountability purposes, they check out the item include their case name and item notation. Robert asked if there was motion detectors for the areas that are being used as storage. Usually the pictures don't work. They purchased a ring camera and its being used and they will be installing panic buttons as well. Recently, the State approved new iPhones which can provide emergency calls when there is no cell service.

Arch asked about an inventory system and there is no one who knows where it is. Darlene is going to come in to develop an appropriate form to ensure things are being distributed compliantly. Merris noted that there are supplies, beds, etc. The items are connected to a case and it is documented.

The ICWA Board policies are just about done and will be brought back next month.

The Title IVB funds provide assistance to the youth. They fell below the threshold of over 700 children. It is about the enrollment and falling below the threshold to access subpart II. She worked with the agency on collecting data for other Tribal Members of other tribes in those homes.

Looking ahead, she will be funding tribal education backpack project and books that are native authored. The book mobile will also be linked to support this project.

Jennifer asked about the family support grant. She asked how much it was and some information on the program. It is unclear and as a member of the ICWA Committee and Council she would like to better understand program requirements and delivery with funding requirements.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Merris Obie's report, 6 haa 0 puuhara 0 pupitihara

4) Cecelli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecelli is present in Yreka to provide her report. She commented that the new eClinical system is not able to pull numbers but it is being worked on. She is working on the transition of the Elders Care Program and that project is moving along. She discussed this with Dr. Skoblar on goals and they look forward to expanding the program. Obtaining another PHN is very helpful and will allow the expansion of the program.

Dr. Skoblar, herself and the RPMS Site Manager has met with the diabetic grant program specialist. They worked on ideas of diabetes grant ideas and concepts.

Some staff went to the indigenous science camp to provide information to the youth on holistic wellness and the use of acorns.

Kristen asked about Orleans doing them for July. Cecelli noted that Orleans will be in August and they are done in every quarter not monthly.

Robert commented that the diabetic luncheons should happen each month in all communities. Binx added that once the additional PHN is hired then they could do this, Cecelli is very busy and the additional PHN is needed. Once it was started in HC and OR no one was showing up so now with more staffing and lunches then it will become consistent. Binx noted that people need to do early and often information. Laura suggested directly communicating with diabetics or others for this activity. Not everyone uses Facebook for flyers. Cecelli noted that overall, they are getting a better response.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Arch Super seconded to approve Cecelli's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Dr. Lew is present in Yreka to provide her report. The dental department served over 500 patients for the month of June, including 10 patients in Orleans. In June, two RDA's attended training in Phoenix AZ to advance their skills. It was a good training and they sent yootva cards to the Council for that education.

Dr. Chang submitted his resignation. Binx commended his work ethic and dedication to the Tribe and patients was amazing. The loss of this position will hinder the dental program.

Jennifer asked if the old toothbrushes can be brought back and not the super hard ones. The brand should be brought back and she heard that they chose cheaper ones but the Health Board would like to evaluate a different kind.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

6) Tonia Begrin, Orleans Clinic Manager:

Not present, report provided.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Tonia's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present in Happy Camp to provide her report. She noted that the new system is slowing the visits to ensure quality data is being inputted, which contributes to the low patient count.

The upcoming ACQI Meeting, Managers Meeting, Auditing does not allow the same auditing as before from the system but they are working through it to ensure auditing data can be captured to provide reports. AAAHC is in Yreka today and will be in Happy Camp tomorrow.

Robert Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Susanna's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Tonya Albers, RPMS Site Manager:

No present, not report.

9) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Not present, report provided.

Binx asked how long e-clinical is going to be in training. Rondi noted that they had the initial training and some need ongoing training. Robert asked why Cindy is not present. Rondi commented that she is present with AAAHC because the HHS program is currently under review.

Laura Mayton moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Cindy's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is not present, report provided.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve Jodi's report, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher Aubrey seconded to approve HB policy (list attached to monthly report), 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey Seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 24-C-123, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Eli Hensher Aubrey seconded to approve modification (1) to contract 24-C-208, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Eli Hensher-Aubrey seconded to approve resolution 25-R-140 authorizing agreement 25-A-122, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Robert Super seconded to approve modification (2) to agreement 25-A-066, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve contribution of \$10k to the Darrel Hostler Fund, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott arrived at 12:37pm.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the over limit balance of \$623.31 for Greg Goodwin's retirement Party, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to issue Dr. Skoblar \$5k, and Kimberly Henderson \$1,500 VISA cards, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Council Caucus: no minutes recorded.

Informational: Tribal Member DA spoke to the misstatements made in an email and would like to clarify. Also, to report activities conducted to ensure equipment was monitored. Requests a redaction of comment in email thread. It will be evaluated.

Informational: 477 Director reports difference of opinions and information sharing. Also, commented that the department removal from umbrella was sudden and done without communication. Council reiterated that micromanaging is not recommended and to better support reducing stress, departments are moved sometimes. There were questions regarding services rendered to clients equally.

Council Caucus: no minutes recorded.

Eli Hensher-Aubrey moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the uniform grievance and appeal process for 477, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara. Form shall be developed for internal use on appeal steps, by 477 and submitted for following.

Informational: Service delivery of LIHEAP was explained by 477 Director. Other equivalent Directors have administered the program differently and both feel that it is compliant.

Informational: Code of conduct for Tribal Members and Descendants as well as all other persons accessing the Tribe was drafted. This will be reviewed next week at the Planning Meeting.

Council Caucus: no minutes recorded.

Informational: Director of Operations will discuss with ARPA attorney the ability to move funding to support a skate park in Orleans.

Council Caucus: no minutes recorded.

Informational: Council Members will seek potential candidates for Executive Director position. Council Member Hensher-Aubrey may have a lead and will review that option further.

Consensus: to seek the educational exemption for legislative for the visit.

Motion was made by Scott Quinn and Seconded by Eli Hensher to waive the rental fee for the Park Model in Happy Camp for RM use, 6 Haa, 1 Puhara, 0 Pupitihara.

Eli left the meeting at 4:30pm.

Adjourned at 4:33pm.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2025 at 10am in Yreka.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider