

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
September 11, 2025 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large
Arch Super, Member at Large
Robert Super, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Laura Mayton, Member at Large

Absent:

Eli Hensher-Aubrey, Member at Large

Arch completed a prayer for the audience and Chairman read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the consent calendar, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2025:

Arch Super moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 10, 2025, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Guess:

1) Emma Lee Perez, Contract Compliance:

Emma Lee is present to provide public notice that the ICDBG grant opportunity has been released. She would like to have the Council prioritize and select the project for the ICDBG. She did submit inquiries to the Management Team. Expansion of the Orleans Senior Center, Fire Station in Yreka, Cover the Shortfall for the fire Center in OR, Frontier, Tribal Court expansion, Parking expansion YR Tribal Housing, and OR Community Park are some of the projects that were submitted by them. If the Council would like additional information she can provide that but this is part of the process for documentation and to seek additional public input. If the Council wants to seek a project, then they can select a priority as well. Scott asked to obtain a recommendation from the Management Team. Laura noted that the criteria of the grant, it would be nice to know what the order is of the likelihood to be funded. Robert noticed that there was no childcare for Orleans and that is missing. The Council will further discuss these topics and options. She will summarize this in email and submit the priorities in funding likelihood so they can evaluate that portion. Arch asked what the timeline is for the Council to respond. She would like to know within the week.

Old Business:

None.

Director Reports:

1) Ray Elliott, Director of Health & Human Services:

Ray is present in Yreka to review his report. Ray reached out to the Yurok Tribe to do a site visit of their new transitional housing. He also sent the Council an email from Gazelle School. The SAMSHA grant will end soon and they provided a lot of services. They continue to work on a project in Orleans.

Behavioral Health is moving along and groups are underway. They have a large men's relapse prevention group in Yreka. He is evaluating StarLink camera installs at the Yreka Transitional Men's house in Yreka.

There is a grant, HHAP which is on hold, but he is evaluating other funding opportunities for the Women's Transitional House.

Binx noted that doing fentanyl training is important, but there hasn't been some outreach locally and he offered a reminder to keep the topic relevant. He would like to see prevention and the Council will support some efforts as well. Binx commented that the Council needs to know where we're at for the war on Fentanyl. He noted that they do outreach. The men's house is full so that is one good thing. There should be a focus on a campaign and outreach.

Buster asked about the alternate picture submitted from the Gazelle principal and the updated picture of a likeness. Ray reported that Buster should get back to her.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Ray's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi not present, report provided.

Jennifer was wondering if Jodi could provide an update on a provider in HC. Jodi noted that they are credentialing two providers at this time. After the last snafu with one that was sent back they are waiting for the information before starting the providers to work. They are waiting until next week. One will be ready next week and another a week after that. Jennifer wanted to have better communication from the staff to the patients. Simply putting people on a wait list is not appropriate. Communicating that there is a provider shortage, offering telehealth, or being compassionate is important.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Rondi's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Cecilli Gonzalez, PHN:

Cecilli is present to review her report. The CHR's have been doing the elder visits and making calls. It was a busy month. Diabetic luncheons have been held monthly. Brian is the new PHN and he is actively working on transitioning the adult care program to the HHS program. The Orleans Walking Trail is moving on. Several months ago she identified a space for a walking trail with Jack and Alex. They also communicated with local community members and ultimately the site for the walking trail is KTHA land. It will be on the Orleans Bar parcel and have a parking area along with walking trail.

Scott asked about how to clean up trash and monitoring camping at that site. If the public has rights then that might be an issue. Didi McCovey has a strip of land there and that might cause some issues. Scott noted that the maintenance department would have to be tasked with management of this site as well. Cecilli noted that this will be in phases. Scott asked if this has been discussed with Misty on funding the parking lot. The Orleans community has identified trails for bikes as well and they are working with DNR. This location is good for Elders and/or kids.

They will be hosting a booth at the reunion. Flu vaccines have been received for all areas. She and Brian will provide vaccines to all areas and employees, if interested. There has been monthly health awareness topics. They will do outreach for the monthly prevention and awareness topics. Arch asked where that information goes. They're planning on posting to the local areas and social media.

She asked about the CHR's in Happy Camp and asked to have the Senior Center to be open another hour, and the CHR's will man it. This will be discussed in closed session.

Happy Camp/Orleans are finalizing the walking groups. Jennifer commented that previously the PHN's would check on the work stations and complete outreach on ergonomics, blood pressures and exercise. Cecilli commented that Brian will come to Happy Camp and Orleans several times a month, so she can discuss this with him. Scott noted that checking the blood pressure and blood sugar is important and goes long way for prevention.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Cecili's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Dr. Lew, Dental Director:

Dr. Lew is present to review her report. There should be a locum dentist that is going to start soon. After Council approval.

Happy Camp has additional staffing and while there was no dentist there was training that was provided. With training, the staff is ready for a new dentist to come in. Her goal is to cross train the Happy Camp staff so they can cover the front and the back office.

Yreka is still having a walk-in clinic and they receive a lot of appreciation from the community.

12 cases have been finished with orthodontic, 11 cases are ongoing, and in October they will take on additional clients; up to 20.

Dr. Lew asked about the policy on implants. The Council approved this and it is ongoing. They have sent notice to include this service for their people, but have not received the updated information. Arch noted that they need a policy developed. There is a PRC meeting on 9/19 that this can be further discussed. If Dr. Lew has any recommendations then she should submit them. Dr. Lew noted that there has to be decisions on case by case. The concept is that the Tribe will contribute towards what is due to the referred provider. The dentists will continue their care and it is up to the patient on what they pay for, with a referral, and the Tribe will assist to eligible clients within policy.

She reported on her patient visits. Nikki went to Orleans yesterday and only one patient showed up. If this is repeatedly happening, this is discouraging. Robert asked if there is quick call list for Orleans and if that would work.

Scott Quinn moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Dr. Lew's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Orleans Clinic Manager, Vacant.

6) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present to provide her report. She noted that she didn't have a budget meeting this year so she was unable to provide input. The visit numbers per provider is different than what she was trained on. Susanna noted that one visit is 304, %51 Native American. The report from Dr. Skoblar showed higher, so this is confusing. So, looking at labs and CHR's, those need to be broken out and reported separately, not as a provider visit. Susanna noted that with that clarification, her report of actual provider visits show Selena saw 134 visits (actual visits). Dr. Vasquez was onsite yesterday. Yesterday there was one provider for all three clinics. The waiting list is the best that can be offered, or transfer them to the Yreka nurses. It is really frustrating for a lot of patients and for the staff as well.

The Happy Camp flu vaccines have not arrived, despite earlier reports.

Robert asked what would help to solve the issues with having a provider. The waiting list will have issues because even after hiring there is a time where providers cannot just start seeing patients, this is to ensure training on eCW. Robert asked if transporters can provide transportation. Robert commented that it is a pet peeve of his to have doctors see only 6 patients a day, and they are not even close to that. Susanna noted that they offer TeleMed and she cannot make other sites to see additional patients.

Dr. Skoblar will do a Saturday sports clinic to get sports physicals in. This is a good opportunity to get all the youth in and get them ready for their school athletic programs.

There is a mammo van day next month, which will provide breast cancer screenings. She will work on a flyer and submit to Tyvin to post around town and throughout the community.

Arch Super moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Susanna's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

7) Tonya Albers, RPMS Site Manager:

Tonya is in Yreka to review her report. They are still working on reports to be pulled from eCW. Chad is going back to see what was put into the system to see how information can be pulled.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Tonya's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

8) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:

Cindy is present in Yreka to review her report. She commented that the HVAC is still being worked on with Jack Lantz. The front desk is fully staffed at this time.

She is working on tasks for the upcoming reunion. She is working on getting yearly evaluations completed.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Cindy's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) Robert Thompson, HRSA, Compliance, Accreditation:

Robert is present to review his report. They continue to submit the FTCA, which is due today. They are seeking approval of policy; Risk Management Training Plan.

Outreach and enrollment is ongoing.

Risk Management will have updated employee files and additional trainings to maintain compliance.

They continue to look for training with HRSA, CRIHB, and IHS. They continue to work with staff on eCW and work on the updates to those policies.

Binx asked about having a provider schedule for Karuk's. Buster asked how eClinical is going. Robert noted that Chad and himself are setting up trainings for staff on pulling reports. eCW is way easier than RPMS.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve 05-000-206 Risk Management Policy, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Robert's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

10) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:

Jodi is present to review her report. She doesn't have much to report. She worked one day in Yreka and two days in Orleans. She got the FTCA application back three times. They want every provider to have OB/GYN training. So far, they will submit without the providers that have not finished it. All providers completed it but four providers. The majority have been covered.

The Senior Centers numbers were provided.

Laura Mayton moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Jodi's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

11) Dr. Skoblar, Medical Director:

Not present, on travel/training.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Dr. Skoblar's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Closed Session:

Laura Mayton moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to uphold the PRC denial and pay for PRC Case #382 from Third Party, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Robert).

Informational: There was discussion on providing cultural guidance to staff who purchase items. The cost that was imposed to staff, and paid for by the Tribe, was not accurate and in the future the Council will assist in identifying people who can provide information if it is needed (for cultural items, supplies, equipment).

Informational: Complaint from patients' daughter was received.

Informational: Secretary/Treasurer Quinn provided an email regarding HRSA/IHS clients that was drafted by legal. The Tribe can look at the HRSA and IHS money and look at how to allocate appointments based on that. The staff was supposed to figure something out and he hopes to resolve this and he hopes to create a system that allows Tribal Members to have access to appointments. Jodi isn't sure what will be done to track that. CSC is requiring Native American visits vs. non-beneficiary reports, so this should be captured anyway. She will talk to the HHS CEO regarding this and start to prepare something. General Counsel offered to assist in drafting policy for them to follow.

Informational: Council Member Goodwin asked about the status of posting the new levels of care that the Council approved in April. This will be discussed at the upcoming PRC meeting on 9/19.

Informational: Operations Manager provided an update on the Orleans Senior Center coverage. Also, noted that custodian issues are happening at the Headway facility and there are serious concerns on competence. Executive Secretary asked that this be discussed with KTHA Director and HHS CEO, the Council should not have to weigh in on dirty water if it can be resolved at a lower level.

Informational: Operations Manager explained issues at the Yreka Senior Site and door repairs that are needed.

Council Caucus: General Counsel, KTHA ED, and Director of Public Works will work on land transfer (SW) and find a solution on how to receive the property. This will be a priority.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve resolution 25-R-164 and authorize agreement 25-A-176, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 25-R-164, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve agreement 25-A-147, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve agreement 25-A-144, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Informational: Lands Department discussed the opportunity to purchase a home outside of Yreka limits for a fraction of the price. This will be evaluated and purchased to ensure workforce housing is secured.

Informational: Lands Specialist updated that PACE has recommended Senate and Congress and get a copy of a letter of support from Ray Haupt. She will seek this letter of support for the Tribe.

Informational: Secretary/Treasurer asked for a request to be made to RES for land. Rogers and Connolly to send staffers to meet with Geneva and her boss. Directive: General Counsel will set up a meeting and get it going and to have a process started.

Informational: Secretary/Treasurer would like to see data from the system regarding denials of services from PRC. An annual report and monthly shall be provided. Included in the report shall be the top ten referred services.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve AB1378, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the Karuk Tribes response to USDA Reorganization Plan, 6 haa, 1 puuhara (Laura), 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve the responses to CNRA regarding tribal stewardship policy and Toolkit, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to deny PC, C&P, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura Mayton moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the FY26 Gaming Commission Budget, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Screenings: Denied, lack of qualifications.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to increase FY26 Fiscal Indirect budget up to \$20k for Fred Pryor, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: RV Park Manager contract will be tabled until the Council meets with the candidate.

Laura Mayton moved and Binx Brink seconded to oppose Senate on Indian Affairs regarding Coquille, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: the contract dispute will be filed in Tribal Court. Yreka City Counsel will work on drafted amendment for IGA terms regarding police cruiser.

Arch left at 5:02pm.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve filing into Karuk Tribal Court and authorizing \$50k in discretionary for lawsuit costs, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve assigning Paul Peterlin interim Administrator of ICW, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to issue \$5k VISA CFO, Deputy CFO and HR Director, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consensus: Tribal Member TS shall be sent notice to follow process.

Binx Brink and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve insurance certificate for volleyball and basketball, Orleans Elementary School (POC Bubba King), 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Chairman will reach out to FMC to see if they're interested in receiving grant writing assistance and specifically if the Tribe can assist in facilitating introductions with Ford, HAF, and McConnell foundations.

Informational: Chairman will follow up with the Education Director to find a correct native likeness that is appropriate for Weed Elementary.

Consensus: pledge to support Sports Betting Alliance.

Informational: Chairman discussed the opportunity to receive Tax Credits for a new clinic. After discussion of the past projects, it was not recommended. Chairman will take the conference call with the

HHS CEO and available Council Members to follow this opportunity. Chairman will invite Economic Developer as well.

Council Caucus: Ken Brink motioned and Robert Super seconded to accept Education Director counter offer. 7 haa, 0 puuhara, and 0 pupitihara. MOTION PASSED

Council Caucus: Scott Quinn Motioned and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to accept HR Manager counter offer, 5 haa, 1 puuhara (Arch Super), and 1 pupitihara (Laura Mayton). MOTIONED PASSED

Next Meeting Date: October 9, 2025 at 10am.

Adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman

Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider