

**Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting  
January 8, 2026 – 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  
Kristen King, Member at Large  
Arch Super, Member at Large  
Robert Super, Member at Large  
Laura Mayton, Member at Large

**Absent:**

None

**Chairman read the Mission Statement of the Health Board Meeting. Council Member A Super completed a prayer.**

**Agenda:**

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

**Consent Calendar:**

Scott commented that the procurement clerk signing off on the vehicle procurement. He would like to have her sign off as other for procurement.

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

**December 4, 2025:**

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the meeting minutes of December 4, 2025, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 puuhara.

**Guests:**

**1) Crystal Jacobs:**

Crystal is present to seek approval of an agreement with Lisa York for the use of the Tribes park model. Arch asked why this agreement should come each time. Scott commented that they can approve a template and format. Erin commented that there can be a template used with terms for each agreement.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve agreement 26-A-028, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then presented agreement 26-A-026 with Kelly Perkins.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve agreement 26-A-026, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**Language:**

Kyfaat taa chuu pithi

Be careful Yeewan hitcha

**Old Business:****Director Reports****1) Dr. Skoblar, Medical Director:**

Dr. Skoblar is present in Yreka to review his late report. He noted that they are absorbing several pain management clients from provider vacancies. Moving forward they will increase availability for community members and elders, by increasing patient flow. They will also focus on recruiting full time and long-term providers.

Robert asked if there is any way for the clinics to find a way to provide additional medications to assist clients with diabetes, etc. Dr. Skoblar noted that the providers assess patient needs all the time and will continue to monitor what is needed.

He also added that policies for traditional health have been approved and they will move to working with providers and outreach staff on conducting that alternative care.

Laura Mayton moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve Dr. Skoblar's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**2) Ray Elliott, Director of Human Services:**

Ray is present in Yreka to review his late report. He updated that a Receptionist has been hired and is doing well in Happy Camp. There is a new grant opportunity being evaluated and applied for which will expand services. They have submitted a large packet of policies for traditional health within his department as well.

The department is operating smoothly, including the men's transitional house.

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

**3) Tonya Albers, E-Clinical:**

Tonya is present in Yreka to review her report. The technical assistance for e-clinics is being pushed back.

Binx noted that there was discussion on e-clinical not being compatible with FMC and this was going to be bridged. He asked how the integration is moving along. Tonya commented that it is coming along and will provide smooth and quick efficiency once complete.

Binx asked if the Tribe will be paying for two different services. Tonya commented that there is a fee to integrate with the Tribe.

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

**4) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:**

Cindy is not present, report provided.

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

**5) Paul Peterlin, Child Welfare Operations Administrator:**

Paul is present to review his report. Paul has a few updates. He provided his staffing updates. They are tabulating the enrollment status of inquiries for their department.

In February they will be manning the Happy Camp office every Wednesday.

Kristen asked if services will be provided in Orleans. Paul noted that he will try to do that, but they cannot do it without additional staff. Jennifer asked if Paul was notified of the new board members. He was not. It was reported that they were Doozie and Sherile.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Paul's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**6) Cecilli Gonzalez, PHN:**

Cecilli is present in Yreka to review Brian's report. Robert asked about the scheduling and lack of diabetic luncheons and how to get more information out. It was noticed that every year they do not have a luncheon in the month of December. Arch also asked for a survey to gauge information from the Elders on diabetic luncheons, participation, and suggestions they may have. He would like to see this report in February or March. If there is information provided and feedback shared, there would be a way to obtain data on how the patients are doing and what they want to see.

Cecilli is hoping to have more one on one services to diabetic patients and provide community programs, not just lunches.

Robert reported that clients did better with a monitoring patch, but it was denied to the patient due to costs. Cecilli has heard this and this needs to be a conversation to ensure coverage is provided when needed.

Dr. Skoblar reported on diabetic outcomes and struggles that are seen. Cecilli did comment that they will do more work for diabetics. Arch thanked Brian for showing up for the Elders talking circles and he asked that either him or Cecilli show up consistently. Anthony will start attending the Elders talking circles as well.

In Orleans, they are not getting information on diabetic luncheons so that is a part of the low attendance.

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

**7) Nikki Hokanson, Deputy Dental Director:**

Nikki reported that the previous Dentist will return in February. Dr. Lew was out for the month of December on vacation. The staff worked on shredding paper charts while there was no provider. Jolene took a course and Samantha completed a course as well, which provides for cross training the department.

Nikki noted that the budget is at zero but it happens while they wait for budgets to be put on the system. The staff is all taking the Fred Pryor learning as assigned.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the dental department report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

**8) Travis King, Interim Clinic Manager:**

Not present, no report.

**9) Robert Thompson, HRSA, Compliance, Accreditation:**

Robert is present in Happy Camp to review his report. He updated that HRSA capital update has been approved, there is no editing that needs to be completed. The non-competing continuation had some minor feedback and they are approved. He has no action items.

The CQI program is operating and they are working on catching up on passed due reports. They continue to work with billing on e-clinical to get the ability to do UDS data reports.

The outreach staff is continuing to enroll in resources for clients.

GRPA is having four invalid reports and he will follow up with Chad to determine the problem.

They have received their new medical van to complete home visits, telehealth visits, etc.

They are waiting to post the quality management position description.

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

**10) Jodi Henderson, Operations Manager:**

Not present, report provided.

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

**11) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:**

Susanna is present to review her report. She is back to working full time. She is thankful for Jodi and the clinic staff for assisting in her absence, as well as Travis. She notified Jodi of the budget correction needed, that an HIM and Medical Records Clerk is the same position so it doesn't need to be two line items in her budget.

She is working with E-Clinical. She has staff that need to do training and she will ensure Darrell can redo training for the already booked e-clinical training. The IHSS annual training is going to be released soon.

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

**12) Anthony Ballard, Elders Director:**

Anthony Ballard is present to introduce himself and his staff, Neil. They are present to listen and learn about programs and are excited to look into their own program development. Scott thanked Anthony for his service and his years of service.

Neil thanked the Tribe for his position. He has had a chance to talk to Elders and there are ways to already be of service to the community and get this program off the ground.

Buster welcomed both Anthony and Neil. This is a program that the Council has been discussing for a very long time. The Council values the elders and they want to meet their needs and in order to do this it takes a lot of collaboration and communication, so all Council is adamant to do all they can for all the elders.

They are excited to bring youth together with the Elders and maybe they can compliment each other.

**Closed Session:**

Laura Mayton moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve upholding the PRC denial for PRC Case #390 and pay from Third Party, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to deny all three cases; PRC Case #389, #387, and #389, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch Super).

Informational: A Director reported that the Tribal Members are unable to get emergency appointments timely at the dental office.

Informational: QM provided a report to the Health Board on a near miss incident. Covered California information should be given a point of contact, which will be Robert Thompson.

Laura Mayton moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve resolution 25-R-205, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve resolution 26-R-018, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura Mayton moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve agreement 26-A-009, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Property assessed value will be assigned to ED to obtain information on property purchase price.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve agreement 26-A-030, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

*Jennifer left at 12pm.*

Informational: ED will evaluate the tax returns for business, inspection, and appraisal of property to make a recommendation on property purchase.

Informational: TERO and HR sought direction from the Tribal Council on training priorities for the departments. Their sub-committee have identified trainings and sought input. Recommendations were food handlers, flagger training, cultural monitoring, and in-house training on internal processes. 2/27 is Leadership training. Council Member A. Super asked to see the information before training is put forward, due to the last one not being what the Council asked for.

Binx Brink moved and Arch Super seconded to approve resolution 26-R-021, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Robert Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve modification (1) to contact 24-C-004, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consensus: to move forward with Adams Construction.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve out of state travel for Scott Aseltine to Philadelphia PA, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consensus: Council will have the CFO home base out of Yreka with use of a tribal vehicle in all three communities, once arrived at one of the locations.

Informational: HR Director position needs to be screened, as there are applicants. This falls under the CEO.

Informational: letter to Governor Newsom and Christina Snider regarding Parcel B lands was presented to the Council. Consensus to send the letter.

Informational: Dr. Beckman and General Counsel will work on an op-ed. He and Craig are working on an op-ed regarding dam removal.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve letter to CNRA, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve out of state travel for Sandra or Ray, Scott Quinn, and Crystal Jacobs to Minnesota, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: CEO will work with CFO to determine the steps and processes that the procurement clerk is including in assessing fleet pricing, different comparisons, and tracking of vehicles.

Scott Quinn moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Vice-Chairman Brink to Washington DC second week of February, from discretionary, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Chairman and Ray to Washington DC second week of February for NCAI, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Update on Benter allotment.

Informational: Tribal Member shall be sent a letter to assist in addressing ongoing issues.

**Adjourned at 4:45pm.**

**Next Meeting:** February 12, 2025 at 10am in Happy Camp.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Russell "Buster" Attebery, Chairman**

**Recording Secretary, Barbara Snider**