

Karuk Tribe – Health Board Meeting
March 12, 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
Laura Mayton, Council Member
Arch Super, Council Member
Robert Super, Council Member
Jennifer Goodwin, Council Member
Kristen King, Council Member

Absent:

None.

Arch completed a prayer and Binx also asked for a prayer for the families in Hoopa and youth that need prayers at this time. Chairman read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

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

Consent Calendar:

Buster asked about number four and the agreement being backdated.

Arch Super moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the consent calendar, 6 haa, 1 puuhara (Arch), 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2026:

Buster asked for follow up on a Tribal Member request regarding referrals and delinquent bills being paid. He noted that there needed to be cross training for a department. Reading further on, Dr. Skoblar explained this slightly. Today, Dr. Skoblar added today that they will have a feedback mechanism including a clinical note on who is working on referrals. Buster asked that a reminder be provided to the Management Team that they are to provide cross training and coverage while someone is out. Binx asked if this has to do with software. Dr. Skoblar noted that there are fixes in the system but there are process issues. Robert commented that it was also brought to the Health Board’s attention, that the referrals to outside agencies as well has issues.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2026, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

Jennifer added that she is on the NCIDC Board for Siskiyou County. At the meeting last month she was made aware that there is \$10k to assist in trade school if they are low income or have been out of work for more than 3 days. She asked that people refer persons to Joyce Jones, 530-842-6157.

Director Reports:

- 1) Ray Elliott, Behavioral Health Services:

Ray is present to update on their report. Amy and George were shopping and provided food boxes for eligible persons. They obtained snacks, non-perishables, bags for elders, etc. Robert asked what the qualifications are for receiving the food boxes. Ray noted that it is first come first serve and it won't serve all persons. There will be tribal family and community services to seek resources and understanding of youth that IEP and 504 plans. He will have a flyer out soon to provide information to others.

He is pleased to have Lori Lamarr in working toward peer support certification. This will provide additional services to those that need help with wrap around services as well as direct services.

Tanya is leaving the SUD Department. She will be moving toward an endeavor toward the Happy Camp High School. The program is sorry to see her leave but Richard is in place and is doing an amazing job.

Two move outs at the men's transitional house have happened and another one recently. They are seeing clients becoming independent and moving forward in life. The funding contributes toward the good of people. Arch believes that the waiting list did not qualify because of their background and some others didn't respond.

Laura asked for an update on the DUI program. Ray noted that DUI and BIP have shutdown and she asked when that would return. Ray noted that the staff will not be qualified to run the program. Right now, the plan is to hire someone. He has been discussing this with leadership to get this completed. Binx asked if the HHS Program was suspended, but it was clarified that the Tribe was not suspended but Ray suspended it. Robert asked if this could be a contract service for a period of time to get it finished. Ray noted that no, they cannot contract right now but he has reached out to the County to get the service. Buster asked what the options are. Ray noted that the persons will be routed to other services. Court has been notified, Siskiyou Probation, as well as the DA's office.

Laura Mayton moved and Robert Super seconded to approve Ray's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Dr. Skoblar, Medical Director:

Dr. Skoblar provided his monthly report to the Health Board. He noted that they are valuating the how and why changes need to happen. They want to increase the patient visits, but ensure services are efficient.

Through locums firms there is a PA that has been working in Southern CA that will be onsite in Happy Camp for temporary work and hopefully she will like the local area.

Binx noted that a brand-new medical building may be able to help with recruitment. Dr. Skoblar understands and he hopes that they will work at the new site.

Scott believes that the effort to create clean, clear policies helps with providers. He noted that when processes are clean and good support staff is also a recruitment tool. Dr. Skoblar agrees, and they have discussed this with the medical staff.

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

3) Emma Lee Perez, Grant Writer/Grants Manager:

Emma Lee is present to seek approval of resolution 26-R-043 to seek funding for additional homes at Skyline Workforce Housing.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve resolution 26-R-043, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch asked about the workforce housing project. Emma Lee noted that the Tribe is already under construction for the current homes and there is additional homes at that site.

Laura likes the report and she asked that Emma Lee get with finance to add additional health grants. Reviewing the audit report in the health section, she will find it. Laura noted that there is funding at the Tribe that has been there for years and she needs to take a look.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve Emma Lee's report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx thanked Emma Lee for hitting the ground running.

- 4) Tonya Albers, RPMS:
Not present.

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

- 5) Cindy Hayes, Yreka Clinic Manager:
Cindy is present in Yreka to review her report. As of March 1, 2026 she is losing another referral clerk.

Parking lot lights are back up and running at the Yreka Clinic.

Buster asked about one referral clerk and the plan for coverage. They do have a plan for other staff to help out. Buster asked about their job. Rondi noted that they can assist if they don't have a patient at the time. Dr. Skoblar noted that they can have others train.

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

- 6) Paul Peterlin, Child Welfare Services:
Paul is present in Happy Camp to review his report. He and Andrea will be attending the NICWA conference. They have a few cases in Siskiyou and Humboldt County, a few in Tribal court as well as one State court.

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

- 7) **Cecelli Gonzalez, PHN:**
Brian is present to provide the PHN report. There were comments on the information sharing for a survey and getting information through elders. Arch added that outreach needs to happen to engage elders to provide information. Cecelli is in Yreka. She noted that the diabetic luncheon in Yreka had 100% response. They feel that they will be able to start a diabetic program that has

more programs, participation, and buy-in of the program. Laura asked if this is on the Tribes website.

Laura also asked what a “meaningful” visit is. Cecellii noted that that is assisting with finances, education on health, transports, etc. She noted that they are activities through IHS that can be performed. Via RPMS there was the ability to pull those activities, but with eCW they cannot pull the data they wanted.

Jennifer asked if B/P and heart rate checks at each visit. Brian noted that yes.

The Orleans walking trail is looking for a new location. Cecilli commented that they found another location. In 2017 / 2018 there were plans to develop a community park. They have a fully drafted a community map and they will partner now for a walking trail. They have gotten so much damage and winter flooding into the current site, so they will leave that site and not have the walking trail there.

Scott Quinn asked where the new area has been located. Cecelli will send it to the Council. Scott noted that there is a trail behind DNR. And there are plants with labels already. She will do a site visit later this month with Misty to identify a site. Scott recommends looking at the walking trail behind DNR.

(insert vote count).

8) **Nikki Hokanson, Deputy DDS Director:**

Nikki is present to review the dental program report. She noted that she tried to call the patients back and get them in as there was a closure. They also have openings if they are willing to schedule an appointment. The Head Start screenings have taken place.

Robert asked if she or Dr. Lew do outreach. She believes that this would be productive. Nikki added that there are job fairs at the dentistry schools each year and this is a great thing to do.

Robert Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Nikki’s report, 7 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

9) **Travis King, Orleans Clinic Manager:**

Travis is present to review his report. He commented that the propane tank was empty which smelled and closed the clinic. The following day they set up a schedule for propane and are unsure why they ran out so quickly. They also had an incident with a patient which required a police report to be generated. The propane smell occurred on 2/16. Filling sooner is ok but why did it drain out so fast. Jodi believes that they missed the fill. Travis then asked for permission to purchase some red-light items. The patients would come into the clinic to use it.

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

10) **Robert Thompson, HRSA:**

Robert is not present, report not provided. He was out on travel when the report was due so he will catch up next month.

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

Jodi is present to review her report. She has met with the staff and continues to monitor services.

Robert asked what changed in the Elders food program that is costing more. Jodi commented that there was funding lost due to reports not being done. There was a report of multiple late reports and penalties. When Tamara took over there were some issues. Jodi noted that that was longer than two years because the staff are no longer present. The program was discontinued.

Caily has returned and now she will be scheduled up to where it needs to be and it hasn't happened yet.

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

12) Susanna Greeno, Happy Camp Clinic Manager:

Susanna is present in Happy Camp to review her report. She thanked Orleans Clinic for having space to see telehealth patients when needed. She attended the leadership training recently. She noted that the race for quality has no finish line.

The last report they were looking at custom cabinets for the clinic conference room, and those were too pricy. They did end up ordering other items. They did set it up for the Happy Camp behavioral health provider when the power was out at their site.

She covers for staff and assists as needed. She participates in referrals, transports, MA's, Receptionist, etc.

There is another MA/Extern is coming onsite and Eliza Camarena will be returning. She was trying for her RADT but that program is difficult to get into. Now, she will be going for her MA and use funding from the Tribes Internship program for funding.

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

Buster thanked Susanna for going the extra mile.

13) Anthony Ballard, Elders Director:

Anthony is present to review his report. He added a yootva to the Council. They have funding to work with and are gearing up to come up with ideas. They will do an event with the elders each month, in each community.

Scott noted that Crystal showed the Elders the office space that they have built. He noted that they are utilizing what they can and they will set up an elder hang out area. Anthony noted that he and Neil have made the commitment to visit each community every week. They make an effort to visit the elders and advocate for them as needed. Buster added that there is a heritage center groundbreaking in Sacramento. It will be for all the Tribes in CA. Buster has recommended that it happen.

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

14) Rondi Johnson, HHS CEO:

Rondi is present to review her report. She noted that she has had a lot of meeting with HIS and HRSA. She thanked the IT Department for always assisting and the Yreka Maintenance.

An FNP will be onsite in April. A PA is coming in on 3/20 to see if HC is a new place for her to start her career.

The Annual Meeting is 4/17.

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

Closed Session:

Tonya Albers – doctors note clarifying restricting travel/commute.

Telework T. Albers – Pending.

Agreement for services. The cost is pay as you use and obtain providers. Scott recommends using double authentication. Rondi will follow up on the insurance and follow up with Eric.

Informational: They will review the option of turning on the two factor authentication in parallel with the insurance review.

Rondi Johnson – There was an out of state travel for herself and Dr. Skoblar in August to the NIHB.

Binx Brink moved and. Council will discuss this.

Rondi Johnson: Arch, Jennifer will attend the NIHB Meeting with Rondi and Dr. Skoblar.

Rondi Johnson: FNP Perkins. 2 month onsite and 1 month in Michigan. 4 day work week. 9/1 start date, 1 year employment. 21 days PTO to start out. 2 items were declined. Remain in the house that she is living in Montague and only pay on the months that she is here, but she will need to pay even when she's not, \$205k is the highest and will also be lower for 32 hours work week. A final offer letter will come. She wants full benefits.

House purchase in Montague: Studio in Yreka needs remodel. Rondi noted that the house may want to wait and sell right away.

Brian Wheeler: This needs more fleshed out. When does it change from hourly to weekly.

Josh / Mike: the status of the travel plaza has gone well. Maybe \$400-\$500k for Highway 3 will need done as well. Consensus: to move forward with drafting a contract with SB James. NDA's. Scott asked if Mike worked with Misty on working with Kandee Vance on the permit. Scott will email Jack to get assistance on the Caltrans encroachment permit to get the pipe under the Highway. Scott noted that if she asks that it has a discussion on the flood plain.

Consensus: for Mike to make a call clarifying 500-year flood plain.

Vice-Chairman stepped out at 2:44pm.

Eric Cutright – he emailed an action items, contract 26-C-XXX and it was tabled.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Arch Super seconded to deny the request for employee Sissie Griffith for bereavement leave, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Directive: to process a trailer right away to Tashana Brink.

Informational: send out a contract to clean up trailers.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Kristen King seconded to approve burial assistance for Tribal Member #2252, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer Goodwin moved and Robert Super seconded to transfer Adia's KTHA number to her new KT number, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Contract 26-C-036: Jennifer Goodwin and Kristen King seconded to approve contract 26-C-036 with corrections, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Arch). Scott chairing.

Arch Super moved and Jennifer Goodwin seconded to approve Facebook post and services for the Hoopa incident, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to extend the YR program and pay from ARPA / CARES with work toward adding HC to the service, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Jennifer will add to the purchasing for the Basketweavers.

Arch Super moved and Kristen King seconded to donate \$100,000 to Fairchild Medical Center new EM center, with required PR from Third Party, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara (Jennifer absent for vote).

Laura Mayton – clinic stock needs to be monitored and to have the items as necessary.

Next Thursday the house should be evaluated for the Montague House.

Buster Attebery – Ray's Las Vegas travel should be paid for by Tolowa Gaming Authority.

Binx Brink – Jennifer/Robert to authorize Colleen to testify on 3/23 on AB1891, 6 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Ray Martin – BOR had a meeting with the State and Yurok. Yurok is going to send overall mutual defense agreement.

Scott – recommends getting ahead of the public relations on what is happening because the dams coming out needs to be ahead of it. Laura asked why this is taking effect in 2026 and not in 2027. April 15, 2026 there will be a biological plan.

Ray Martin – ICW policy was tabled to the Committee.

Sandra Heutra – attorney time, ordinances and policies, litigation. Tribal Administrative Code.

Consensus: Sandra will attend the Planning Session at Cache Creek. Bring documents and items to the Session rather than discussions. Scott asked for a list of monthly contract review of work done.

Arch/Binx to adjourn at 4:39pm

