

# THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE April 17, 2013,

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Councilman Ken Hall presided over the meeting. He called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Barry Benson, Councilman Randy Phelan, and Chairman Ken Hall are present.

### 01. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilman Phelan moved for approval of the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Benson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried unanimous.

### **02. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Phelan moved for approval of the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Benson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a. Native Heath Group - Dave Tonemah:

Presentation on Native Health Group, Serves Native Country work and act your behalf. An American Indian owned full service employee and tribal community benefit advisory/management firm. Focus on Tribes, Tribal organization. Tonemah has 28 years experience in the Indian health delivery system worked in all 3 areas. Offer advisory services, benefit cost analysis, benefit proposals, and evaluation, benefit program installation and ongoing management services. Contract health services, federal health services.

Most Indians have credit problems due to medical/hospital bills because they can't afford to go off the reservation so "we can't get sick" so to speak. "Consult a doc" if your kid had an ear infection you could call Minot and by the time you get there your prescription would be ready. However, it does not work with tribal programs. Councilman Phelan is asking for some rough numbers for all 13,000 plus members to be enrolled in this NHG. Dave would need a letter from the council to Bluecross/Blueshield to access their information to help along with that. Health cards for tribal

members, life insurance. Native health trust ideally what would like to have "bulk" tribal members when they take to BlueCross BlueShield, say, 50,000 members they would seem to get a better deal. Motion to move to full council.

Councilman Phelan moved for approval to move this presentation to full council. Councilwoman Benson seconded the motion. Proposal ready for the tribal council at the May 9th meeting.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried unanimous.

# b. Physicians Choice Wellness — Becky Anderson/conference call Councilman Phelan moved for approval to Proposing a motion to move to full council meeting so they can get the "pilot" program up and running by June. Councilwoman Benson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried unanimous.

# c. Proposal Health Care Education & Acupuncture/Massage Clinic – Marilyn Young Bird

**Councilman Phelan moved for approval** That the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation Approves The Budget of \$18,713.00, for the Health Care Education, Acupuncture Treatment and Massage Therapy Clinic to be held in the Twin Buttes Segment and the Mandaree Segment to move to full council. Councilwoman Benson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried unanimous.

### d. Nightingale – Traveling Nurses

Primarily recruits nurses from all around United States and places them around the US. We're interested in this because we have been short staff with nurses to Elbowoods memorial. Physical therapy needs staff here. Nurses that rotate, nurses that could be permanent, Nightingale would be more than willing to help with the nurses and our needs.

### I. PROGRAM UPDATES:

## a. Circle of Life - Acting Director - BJ Brady

Find records of clients, HIPPA Laws may have been violated, State is asking to surrender license because of former employees' mistakes. In the process of hiring 3 llc's, 2 from Dickinson and 1 from Bismarck. Nelrene Yellowbird to also work part time. Surrounding their license on April11 30th to get up to standards and perhaps will be getting a provisional

license for a year. 638 contract in violation because col isn't providing outpatient services and things like that. had IT over to get into computers and found nothing. Seems unethical and unprofessional for former employees to hide/delete information for patients. For 2013 budget has 125,000 but expenses read as 0%. and spent 0%.

## b. <u>Tribal Recreation</u> – Kevin Finley

Motion to present proposed budget for remainder fiscal year in Bismarck. Health issues, including diabetes, obesity, now were trying to get out and get kids out of the house and moving and exercising. Maybe have incentives.

Councilman Phelan moved for approval to have proposal presented at budget retreat by Tribal Recreation. Councilwoman Benson seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried unanimous.

### II. ELBOWOODS MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER: Closed Session - Dawn Berg

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Packineau moved to adjourn at 5:26 pm. Councilman Phelan seconded the motion.

VOTE: 3 Ayes. Motion carried.