

WCHC Health Board Meeting

Date: June 26th, 2025

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm UTC

Attendance

- bobbie.rhodd@ihs.gov - Present
- Paul Austin - Present
- Chasity Davis - Present
- Cyndee McNeal - Present
- Timothy Rhodd - Present
- Brigitte Robidoux - Present
- Missty Slater - Present
- David Weaver –Excused Absence
- Tony Fee – Excused Absence

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:09pm UTC by Missty Slater

2. Meeting Minutes Review

Motion made by Brigitte Robidoux to table meeting minutes, seconded by Tim Rhodd. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Compliance Report

- CY25-28 Indirect Type Cost
 - Chasity Davis reported IHS is in agreement with proposed amounts
 - Total IDC amount: \$1,517,222
 - DCS amount: \$188,894
- Proposed Realignment of IHS & HHS Reorganization
 - Two Dear Tribal Letters discussed regarding restructuring
 - IHS restructuring not expected to affect direct sites
 - Tribal listening session scheduled for July 17th
- Policy Review Process Discussion
 - Discussion held regarding legal review timeline and costs for policies. Board agreed to proceed with policy approvals with standard legal review to follow.
- Policies Approved
 - Motion made by Brigitte Robidoux, seconded by Missty Slater to approve all presented policies except Critical Test Results policy, with understanding they will undergo legal review.
 - Approved policies include:
 - Remote Work Policy
 - Dental No Show Policy
 - Specimen Rejection Policy
 - Laboratory Stethoscope Policy

- Motor Vehicle Safety Policy
- New Employee Orientation
- Patient Transport Policy

4. Food as Medicine

- Tim Rhodd will be keynote speaker at Tribal Health Summit
- Paul Austin will help update presentation materials
- Missty Slater noted Kansas Health Foundation's interest in food as medicine programs and offered to make connections

5. Eye Glass Updates

- Proposal to bring optometrist in-house 2 days per month • Initial equipment investment of \$45,000-50,000
- Board authorized Paul Austin to negotiate contract up to a board specified maximum hourly rate for 1-year term

6. Wellness Center Updates

No updates provided

7. COVID House Use Planning

- Facility currently occupied but will be available soon
- David Weaver will develop customer feedback survey for future occupants
- Discussion of potential modifications to create two separate units

8. Long Term Care Facility

Motion by Brigette Robidoux, seconded by Missty Slater to select DSGW for design services.

Motion passed unanimously. Key points:

- DSGW has Native American staff member to lead cultural integration
- Will engage with tribal elders and storytellers
- More cost effective than other proposals

9. Other Business

- Monthly Stats
 - Paul Austin reported tracking new Food as Medicine prescriptions
 - Approximately 70 food boxes distributed weekly
- Rotation Site for UMKC Pharmacy School
 - Paul Austin reported clinic will serve as rotation site for pharmacy students
 - Will provide administrative and IHS experience exposure

10. Adjournment

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:03pm UTC to enter executive session.