

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES:	TMCC SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Meeting:	Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Administration
Date/Time/Location:	02/07/2015 – 9:00 a.m. – TMCC Board Room
Board of Directors Present:	Duane Poitra, JoAnne DeCoteau, Dr. Lana DeCoteau (conference call), Glenn Longie, Carla Peltier (conference call).
Board of Directors Absent:	None.
Board of Trustees Present:	Cole Frederick.
Staff Present:	Dr. Jim Davis, Wanda Laducer.
Guests:	None.
Officiating Recorder:	Jaclyn De Los Santos.

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or Actions
I. Call to Order	Chairman Poitra called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.	
II. Roll Call	Performed by Jaclyn De Los Santos.	
III. Approval of <u>Agenda</u>		Chairman Poitra asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Glenn Longie made this motion, seconded by JoAnne DeCoteau. Jaclyn De Los Santos performed roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.
IV. New Business		
1. Turtle Mountain Star Newspaper Article	Dr. Davis presented Appendix A. As of last night, Dr. Davis spoke with the Commissioner with Indian Affairs and was informed to speak with the State Department of Health. The Department of Health had intentions on responding to the article, as of yesterday they decided not to publish the article. Dr. Davis had input into the letter, when meeting with 6 others at the Department of Health. At the initial meeting with the DoH, they decided to put the article in the paper to correct the information in the paper. They have	Chairman Poitra requested a motion to move forward with corrective action, which includes preparing a press release from the TMCC Board of Directors on behalf of the TMCC student body, staff, and faculty, in addition, pursue the matter with legal counsel. Dr. Lana DeCoteau made a motion, seconded by Glenn Longie.

since decided to back off the article due to a notification from the IHS Aberdeen office. Dr. Lana DeCoteau also did receive the letter from Shelly Harris. Based on the information that was provided to the newspaper, it did not follow proper protocol. Who is to take responsibility? There are 2 separate issues, which includes inaccuracies with the numbers not being reported properly.

The publishing of this article which includes the parties involved is unacceptable. Chairman Poitra inquired about discussing the issue with legal counsel. Dr. Davis informed the Board that with the information that the state has in reference to the information provided to the editor. We need to be sure that we are confident with our attorney. We need to put something out there that shows that we are not going to accept what was posted in the newspaper. Showing that 2/3's of our students which were tested have some type of STD. We cannot accept what has been posted. We need correspondence to the tribe, IHS, state level, and Dr. Robelo. This info was released to the newspaper from somewhere. The privacy of the students is important, and has been breached. We may need to pay for an advertisement in the newspaper or write a letter to the editor. Chairman Poitra clarified that we know who the writer of the article was, which is Logan Davis. The Tribal Health and IHS Public Health were both pushing to have this information published. The writer did not verify the numbers that were provided, they did not receive accurate and reliable information, and chose to print the article. It is the responsibility of the newspaper to verify that the information is correct. Dr. Davis indicated that he would be meeting with the Department of Health in Bismarck. In

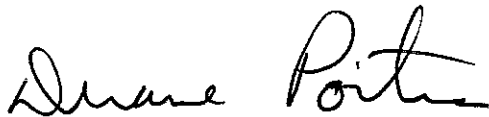
Discussion: Chairman Poitra informed Dr. Davis that he can write a letter to the editor with his personal opinion. Dr. Davis informed the Board that he would rather not provide a letter to the editor and confuse the issue. Prior to press release, be sure that all are aware of what is included in the press release. Additional discussion held. Dr. Davis was asked to inquire with legal counsel what should be allowed from a writer/student. The students have rights, and when being asked questions that are being published, students should be aware.

Jaclyn De Los Santos performed roll call. All were in favor. Motion carried. Dr. Davis will keep the Board informed.

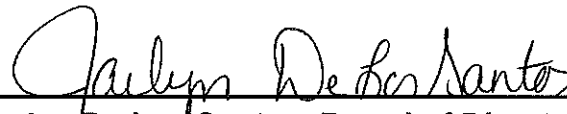
reference to the photograph that is on the back page, it portrays that the individuals were willing to put the photo with the article. Someone orchestrated the article and wanted it published. Dr. Davis inquired as to how far do you take the issue. How to deal with it at the Tribe level, IHS level, and State Department of Health level. Some information was obtained during the screening. Were the students informed that their results were going to be published in the newspaper? There are protocols that the state takes to publish this specific data. The state is backing off and Dr. Davis feels that the governor will be getting involved in the situation. Does the Public health typically go into the schools and publish the information? why TMCC? Discussion held.

Glenn Longie stated that there are a large number of violations that have taken place. HIPPA violations due to publishing the information. We as a college need to pursue the issue due to the large number of violations. Prior to conducting the screenings, Dr. Davis approved the Public Health to come in, but he only approved Public Health to provide awareness sessions. This was to the Public, not just for TMCC students or employees. We need to determine how this has affected the entire picture. This really affects the relationship as far as trust. The students were bribed by being provided food to them. Cole Frederick feels that this would hurt our student numbers, with students not feeling comfortable attending the College. This was not a representable sample, so there is a lot of misconception. Dr. Davis feels that we need to push this issue. We need to send out a strong message to IHS. We also need to correspond with the Department of Health.

	<p>They need to hear from the students. We do not have verification that the individuals tested were all students, some may have been from the public. Dr. Davis' recommendation is to view what the State Department of Health recommends, and move forward.</p> <p>The second step that needs to be taken is to push forward with contact through IHS, State Department of Health, and the Tribal Council. We need to put together a strategy. If the State Department of Health is not willing to help, we should put out a press release with our students involved, a letter in the Turtle Mountain Star and the Turtle Mountain Times with a paid advertisement, and contact legal counsel. TMCC should prepare our own press release, so nothing can be changed, and include that it is on behalf of the College Board of Directors and the students for the press release.</p>	
V. Other Business	None.	
VI. Next Meeting	Regular Board Meeting; February 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.; TMCC Board Room	
VII. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m..	Chairman Poitra asked for a motion to adjourn. Glenn Longie made this motion, seconded by JoAnne DeCoteau. Jaclyn De Los Santos performed roll call vote. All were in favor. Motion carried.



Duane Poitra, Board of Directors Chairman



Jaclyn De Los Santos, Board of Directors Recording Secretary