

# New Escanaba tribal community health center opens



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A big thank you goes out to Marlene Glaesmann, Rural Health director and her staff from both the Manistique and Escanaba tribal centers for getting the Escanaba tribal community health center open. We

appreciate the hard work and dedication to providing services back in the Escanaba area. On Aug. 19 the new Escanaba Tribal Health Center opened to provide Community Health services to members who live in the Escanaba area. The new address, phone and fax numbers are noted below.

Escanaba Triba Health Center  
Penstar Office Building  
1401 North 26th Street, Suite  
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Escanaba, MI 49829  
Phone: (906) 786-2636  
Fax: (906) 786-0944

Last month, I reported the board would be looking at a fair way to adjust team members that were over the maximum in their pay scale. This has been an issue that was finally put to rest at the Marquette board meeting on August 20. The board finally

voted on a resolution to Re-adjust/reduce “over the max” list it reads: To authorize management to re-adjust/reduce those on the Over the Max listing to the maximum percent allowed, per year, for raises, where no wage refactoring or justification occurred. This action will supersede the budget modification policy and the key employee resolutions, with respect to wage and salaries, pending legal review. All board members in attendance voted YES, except directors Causley, Abramson and Pine voted NO. Director McLeod was not in attendance, she was excused from the meeting.

This week, Director Chase, myself, Chairman Payment and a few other directors attended the National Indian Health Board’s 30th Anniversary Consumer

Conference – The Dawn of a New Health Care System – Transforming Tribal Health with Tradition and Change, in Traverse City. This conference had many different sessions on the Affordable Care Act, Native veterans’ health, health care policy and advocacy and healthy Native practices. Here are some examples of the breakout sessions: Reimbursement and billing; Section 206 of the Affordable Care Act; Affordable Care Act 101; VA/Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program Reimbursement Agreement, Creating Sustainability: One Community’s Work On The Domestic Violence; Tribal – State Consultation; Medicaid 101. This conference was very informative, but when questions were asked on the Affordable Care Act the answers were not

always there.

I hope that things start to come together so that we are given the correct answers to questions when asked in the near future. As more information is made available to the health division and the board we, will provide it to the membership.

Thank you to all of the jingle dress dancers and the Bahweting Singers for doing Sault Tribe proud at the NIHIB 30th Anniversary in Traverse City this week.

Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,  
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