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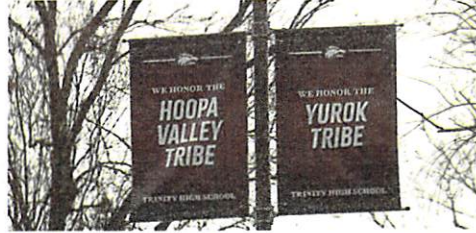


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## Bright Future

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# Hoopa Valley Tribe's K'imaw Medical Center is Recipient of Indian Health Service \$2 Million Clinic Expansion Grant

## PRESS RELEASE

K'imaw Medical Center

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When notified of the award, HVT Chairman Joe Davis said, "The health of our people has always been a priority of the utmost importance to the Hoopa Valley Tribe. Being able to expand our medical center will expand our ability to serve the health needs of our community. We are thankful to IHS and the leadership and staff at K'imaw Medical Center who made this happen."

K'imaw Medical Center, formerly known as Hoopa Health Association, provides health services to the greater Hoopa Valley and has been in operation since 1974. The last major construction of clinical space occurred over 25 years ago. The Project Plan scope for the grant award will be augmented with additional funding to develop a roughly 10,000 square-foot addition to the north side of the existing clinic. The vision is to develop an expanded Pharmacy with drive-up window, add additional provider rooms, expand diabetes and physical therapy services, and provide for a large meeting and training area.

K'imaw Medical Center Board of Directors Chairman Angela Jar-

naghan said, "I am excited to be part of this amazing funding opportunity for our medical center. The pandemic redirected our focus to seek opportunities to expand and revamp. One of our main goals is to facilitate our community's health care needs in a technologically efficient setting. This has been a long-time goal of KMC's and we are ecstatic to see it begin."

Updating and increasing the size of the existing clinic fits into the long-term plans and goals for the K'imaw Medical Center. The newly operational Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program location adjacent to the Clinic is currently undergoing construction upgrades for new parking lots, sidewalks, and other additions.

The Domestic Violence/MMIP Programs are preparing to move into a new office modular to offer expanded services. Grant funding has been obtained for a Mobile Medical Vehicle that should arrive in a few months to help deliver direct services to the community.

California's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round Three funding award of \$4.1 million recently received by K'imaw Medical Center will fund a new Behavioral Health building.

Moreover, the Indian Health Service Quarters Program award of \$5 million, a first-time award to any IHS compacted tribe, will allow for construction of housing for health providers. The \$2 million small ambulatory program grant award for the clinic expansion will provide a final component for establishing

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Photo courtesy of K'imaw Medical Center

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Community Suicide Prevention Training

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...long time. District Supt. Jamie Green told Trinity High School students gathered in the Cato-Davis Gymnasium, "and to me, this is the most special day we have had in our district. We are recognizing people that have been here for thousands of years, and we are going to honor Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu and we are going to immerse it in our culture and our schools, and we are going to make sure your culture stays alive in Trinity County."

During the special assembly Friday, Feb. 3, Green explained that the state of California recently required each school district learn and celebrate their culture.

In the weeks before, flags were erected at the school campus, recognizing and honoring tribes in the region. The flag closest to the entry says, "Your current education is on original Nor Rel Muk land."

Other flags honor the Mattole Tribe, the Navajo Tribe, the Comanche Tribe, the MHA Nation, the Hoopa Valley Tribe, The Yurok Tribe, The Karuk and Quartz Valley Tribes, along with the Pit River, Cedarville



Photo by Tony Reed, The Trinity Journal

Rancheria, the Alturas Rancheria, and the Fort Bidwell Indian Community.

"We have been working with the Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu Tribe for several years to help it become federally recognized," he said, "and the land we are standing on ... for tens of thousands of years, the Nor-Rel-Muk lived right here. As a school district, what we are going to do is study their culture." He said the concept will be to have native language and cultural classes.

Green said a survey was conducted and it was determined that each of the tribes listed on the flags all have a bloodline descendant in the school.

"It's important for us to remember where our roots come from,"

leaders like McKindley and Knight, the Klamath Trinity Instructional Site's mission continues to provide unprecedented access for traditionally underserved students in a way that hits home. With her niece and daughter both thriving as KTIS program alumna, Knight can claim at least three testimonials in her

ceptional health services, facilitating patient health and healing."

HVT Councilmember Jordan Hailey serves as a council liaison to KMC. He said, "Receiving this award is huge for our People and our community. It's been over 25 years since any addition to the clinic has been done. And, in that 25 years our population has grown exponentially and so has the need for healthcare. Being able to expand and better K'ima:w Medical Center's services will be a great step in continuing to provide

he said. "It's important for us to be respectful and it's really important to celebrate our past. Our goal, and our blessing, to have the Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu here today is that they are going to talk to you and I want to have a go-to relationship with our school district and we are going to celebrate all of the past and what we can do in our district."

Green said he felt it was one of the most beautiful things he'd seen happen in the district, adding "and you guys are going to be able to be immersed in culture, which is really important. In a world that wants to have conflict and fight, we don't. We want to learn, we want to love and we want to celebrate."

John "Sonny" Hayward, spiritual leader of the Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu

family alone.

"I'm proud, but I'm more grateful," reflects the master's degree-holding mother of four. "To my community, everyone here, it's an honor to work with students in my tribe, help them with their education.

"We can really make a difference in peoples' lives." ❀

much needed healthcare and a variety of services for the many needs of our patients here in the Valley.

HVT Councilmember Jill Sherman-Warne added, "As one of the only medical facilities in eastern Humboldt County, federal funds are critical to expanding and modernizing K'ima:w to increase patient services to meet goals in addressing diabetes, addiction, and physical therapy within our community." ❀

will be open to all who wish to come and learn Nor-Rel-Muk practices

then ancestral lands in Trinity and Shasta counties. ❀



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not have happened [without CR-KTIS]," says the life-changing late-bloomer, who cites individualized student support as the site's single biggest strength. "It's designed for people to succeed."

Thanks to the mentorship of

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quality and expanded health care for the Hoopa Valley for many decades to come.

Dr. Stephen Stake, CEO, shared, "I'm very thankful for the team leaders we have to move forward on much-needed projects for our community. We trust the efforts by many will yield a lot of fruit here in the valley and the ongoing projects will create an optimal campus for ex-

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behavior," says Lewis.

"We all want to be loved and we want to be accepted. And so, if we're not getting the kind of attention that we need, we will go and seek that negative attention. It's still attention

and we're gonna get it from wherever we can find it," Lewis said.

"Your child really wants to know that you care, because if you don't take the time to talk to your child, someone else will. And that other person could be the abuser." ❀

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