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A Front Page Editorial

Several council members appear to be violating Federal Rules and Regulation relative to Conflict of Interest

Members of our tribal council who are serving on the council and earning a living from their service, via electrical service, painting, items purchased from Ace Hardware in Lumberton, and other construction related activities, tell us that HUD has said it is okay to do this. They report that HUD only requires that they disclose the information. We call it a conflict of interest and once again call upon Henry Clay Chavis, Al Locklear, Jimmy Hunt, and any other council member who is operating in this fashion, to show us some ethical behavior. We ask them to step down, or refrain from gaining financially from their "service to the people."

We quote from the Federal Register/Vol. 63, No. 48/Thursday, March 12, 1998/Rules and Regulations (section 100.30) "What prohibitions regarding conflict of interest are applicable?" (a) Applicability. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, other property, construction and services by recipients and subrecipients, the conflict of interest provision of 24 CFR 85.36 shall apply. In all cases not governed by 24 CFR 85.36, the following provisions shall apply.

(b) Conflicts prohibited. No person who participates in the decision-making process or who gains inside information with regard to NAHASDA assisted activities may obtain a personal or financial interest of benefit from such activities, except to pay salaries or other related administrative costs. Such persons include anyone with an interest in any contract, subcontract or agreement or proceeds thereunder, either for themselves or others with whom they have business or immediate family ties. Immediate family ties are determined by the tribe or TDHE in its operating policies.

"(c) The conflict of interest provision does not apply in instances where a person who might otherwise be included under the conflict provision is low-income and is selected for assistance in accordance with the recipient's written policies for eligibility, admission and occupancy of families for housing assistance with IHBG funds, provided that there is no conflict of interest under applicable tribal or state law. The recipient must make a public disclosure of the nature of assistance to be provided and the specific basis for the selection of the person. They recipient shall provide the appropriate Area ONAP with a copy of the disclosure before the assistance is provided to the person."

We contend that ever, if it were not a violation of Federal Rules and Regulations, it is unethical. We would be derelict in our duties if we did not include Speaker of the Council David Carter in our request for those self-serving council members who need to step down immediately. As you already know, Speaker Carter, recently had his house rehabilitated with Emergency Housing funds. We contend he was not eligible, unless slight of hand paper work by Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs made him so. You all need to do the right thing and resign. And tribal members, it is your responsibility to DEMAND that your representative be accountable and ethical. Our government is no better than WE the tribal membership demand that it be.

One other note that attest to self-serving members. Recently Al Locklear, in a Budget meeting, made a motion, according to our reports, to pay tribal council members \$375.00 per month for travel within their district. In addition to this, when they travel outside the

territory, they are given \$150.00 per day. There has to be a stop to this kind of self-serving leadership. No wonder Mr. Locklear can raise such a stink when the Tribal Elections Board ruled that there should be a new election in his district because of voting irregularities. Al Locklear, in our opinion, cares more for the financial gain to himself than he does providing services to the many tribal members who are in serious need of housing assistance. He does not, in our opinion, wish to take a chance that he might be defeated in a new election when all indications are that his narrow victory in the Nov. 2 election was brought about by people voting outside the district. Hopefully a new election will clearly define the wishes of the tribal membership in his district. We believe a man who is concerned with his own integrity and character would welcome the opportunity to be elected without the appearance that he somehow "stole" the election. But you know how it is, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Obviously Al Locklear is not concerned with the blot on his character by the outcome of the election in his district. We can only surmise that Money is the driving force behind this man who owns, according to our reports, Ace hardware in Lumberton, and makes a small fortune from his position on the council. The same is our opinion of Henry Clay Chavis, Rev. Jimmy Hunt, and any others serving for self gain. These things ought not to be.

This editorial is by the Editor, Connee Brayboy.

Annual Native Diabetes Prevention Conference to highlight holistic, interdisciplinary approach

Health Promotion Programs at the University of Oklahoma Outreach, for the past 19 years the national leader in facilitating native wellness conferences, invites you to participate in the 11th annual Native Diabetes Prevention Conference Jan. 18-20, in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference theme is "Standing Together to Meet the Challenges of Diabetes." Workshops and general sessions will present a holistic and interdisciplinary view of working with diabetes across the generations and across the levels of prevention.

Diabetes and the many serious complications associated with this disease continue to be a major challenge to the health and wellness of indigenous people. This conference is designed as a knowledge and skills-based approach to meeting the many challenges that surround this deadly disease.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Phoenix, Indian Medical Center, for Diabetes Excellence, the Native American Community Health Center, and the Intertribal Council of Arizona. In addition, a special four-part institute on community mobilization capacity building (Diabetes Today) is being offered within the conference by the Association of American Indian Physicians.

Health Promotion Programs also will offer a Native Fitness Train-

ing for Special Populations immediately following the Native Diabetes Prevention Conference, Jan. 20-22. This specialized training will prepare participants to teach classes with fun and interactive physical movement for individuals with diabetes or other chronic conditions that limit movement. The training utilizes a learner-friendly approach that is interactive and movement-oriented. Barbie Johnson, a nationally recognized fitness trainer, will facilitate the training.

The Four Points Sheraton Hotel Phoenix Metrocenter will host both the conference and the fitness training. A special group room rate of \$88 single/\$93 double (plus tax) is available. Rates include a complimentary, full breakfast buffet. Call (602) 997-5900 or (800) 325-3535 by Jan. 7th for hotel registration.

The diabetes conference early bird registration fee is \$235 USD when registering by Nov. 30. The regular registration fee is \$260 USD if registering by Jan. 10. The after-deadline and on-site registration fee is \$360 USD. Fitness training registration is \$225 USD, and limited to 50 participants. Registration for both conference and training: \$430 USD.

For more information, contact Health Promotion Programs at (405) 325-1790 or via e-mail at hpp@ou.edu. You may also visit our web site at hpp.ou.edu.

Celebrate Birthdays



Elizabeth Jacobs Laney celebrated her 5th Birthday October 13, 2004. Her parents are Bryan and Brigitte Laney. Grandparents are James Jr. and Rosa Jacobs and Gary and Christine Laney. A party was given in her honor at Chukle Cheeses in Lumberton, it was hosted by her grandparents James Jr. and Rosa Jacobs.



Hannah Britt will celebrate her 6th Birthday November 22, 2004. Her parents are Johnny and Felicia Britt. Grandparents are James Jr. and Rosa Jacobs and Jay and Betty Britt. A party was given in her honor at Chukle Cheeses in Lumberton, it was hosted by her grandparents James Jr. and Rosa Jacobs.

Moore Regional Hospital receives national grant for gynecological cancer prevention study program

PINEHURST - FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital has received one of two national Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) grants to focus on the prevention of gynecological cancers.

Moore Regional, a GOG affiliate through the University of North Carolina since 1996, is the only community hospital to receive the cancer prevention grant (No. U10CAJF469), which was funded through the National Cancer Institute. The second grant went to the University of Arizona.

The GOG is a non-profit organization whose purpose involves promoting excellence in the quality and integrity of clinical and basic scientific research in the field of gynecologic malignancies. To promote its mission, the GOG receives support from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

John Byron, M.D., principal investigator for GOG studies at Moore Regional, will serve as principal investigator for the GOG/FirstHealth Prevention Member Project. "The grant recognizes the need to shift research from cancer treatment to cancer prevention," Dr. Byron says. "In order to develop cancer prevention therapies, the focus of research will shift to the OB/GYN physicians who are on the front line in terms of preventing malignancies in their patients."

Dr. Byron says participation in the grant program will put Moore Regional in the national spotlight in terms of cancer prevention research.

"In the past, cancer research has focused on treatment trials performed in major medical centers and their affiliates, so it's an honor for a hospital of our size to be involved," he says. "The National Cancer Institute realizes that cancer prevention is now the preferred way to

use research dollars. Efforts to determine effective therapies for prevention or early detection are far preferable to treating cancer after it has progressed."

According to Dr. Byron, the grant study will concentrate on cancer prevention through the use of the local "stable patient" population and the relationships of these patients with their physicians. All of the specialists in Richmond and Scotland counties, will work collaboratively to enroll their patients in the research project.

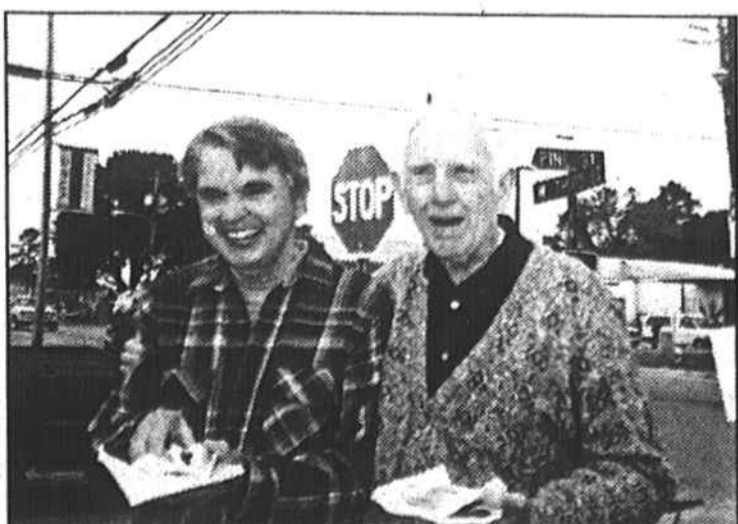
Participating Moore County OB/GYN practices include Southern Pines Women's Health Center, the practice with which Dr. Byron is affiliated; Pinehurst Surgical Clinic; and Pinehurst OB/GYN Associates. Other participants are Nasser Askary, M.D., Lanny Hadley, M.D., and Patricia Middleton, M.D., of Richmond County, and Harry Kohn, M.D., of Scotland County.

"Realizing this goal will allow access of allow access of a greater number of individuals to cancer prevention trials," Dr. Byron says. "Hopefully, this will result in a significant decrease in cancer diagnoses, as well as a decrease in treatment morbidity."

One currently available cancer treatment trials deals with the prevention of ovarian cancer and involves a particular screening protocol that examines the rule of blood tests and ultrasound in the early detection of the disease.

According to Dr. Byron, local patients are enthusiastic about the opportunity to become involved in cancer prevention trials.

"Participation could make a big difference in the lives of our patients and their families," he says.



Rev. Lawrence & Alice Hardy returned to visit Pembroke for Veterans Day. The Hardys served as Southern Baptist Missionaries for several years in Liberia, West Africa.



Members of the VFW in Pembroke rode a float this year with Miss Molly singing "I'm Having the Time of My Life."

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