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## OPEN FOR COMMENT

### AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office and the Finance Department, has proposed amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the May 11, 2011, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments clarify the financial accountability requirements of committees and special event boards and provide for the Finance Officer to establish a policy on sponsorships, donations and fundraising activities. Specifically the proposed amendments would modify Section (p) as follows:

#### (p) FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

(1) All committees/boards dealing with finances must document all financial transactions, including, but not limited to, requests, donations, tribal and other sponsorships, purchases, reimbursement for expenses, and travel vouchers. The Secretary (or Treasurer if elected) shall be primarily responsible for the financial accountability of the committee/board.

(2) All financial transactions shall be within the parameters of the committee's/board's approved budget and such policies as the Tribal Council or its designee may adopt.

(3) Decisions on committee/board financial transactions require prior approval of the committee/board; such approval shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.

(4) Funds shall only be used for the purposes described in the approved budget and as approved by the committee/board and recorded in the meeting minutes. Any funds used otherwise shall be returned to the Tribe within five (5) business days from notification of the unauthorized expenditure or the committee/board member responsible for the unauthorized expenditure may be removed from the committee/board.

(5) Committees/boards are prohibited from making donations of any kind from committee/board funds. Any donations made to the committee, however, will be delivered to the Secretary for appropriate handling. Committees/boards may accept sponsorships, donations and engage in fundraising activities in accordance with the policy established by the Tribe's Finance Officer. Such policy shall include provisions regarding approval of fundraising activities, accountability and placement of funds, and carryover procedures.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. For a copy of the entire General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

Comments must be received by Sept. 15, 2011.



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# 'It's a very inexpensive test for us'

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said Johnston. "The sooner you catch somebody with the disease, the more likely you are to ward it off. It's one of those diseases that you can ward off with the right lifestyle.

"It caught people that hadn't shown any complications. Usually, it's after complications that we go to the doctor."

With diabetes, the earlier it is discovered, the better the opportunity to turn things around.

"Why can't we be doing this for our membership?" Johnston wondered. "This is a tool for wellness before complications set in. Hopefully, once you know, you will make the lifestyle changes that will stop the progression. It's all about progression. That's what kills people."

With the screenings, Johnston said, "We hope to help people before their only options are medication or surgery."

## Diabetes Wellness screenings set

A Diabetes Wellness Screening will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Contest Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds near Fort Yamhill State Park.

Screening is open to Tribal members and spouses on the Skookum Health Care Plan. The screening is sponsored by Tribal Council and the Tribal Health & Wellness Center.

For more information, contact Tribal Community Health Manager Bonnie Mercier at 503-879-2016.

Work with DiabetOmics has been growing at the Tribe for more than a year. In February, screenings at the casino and the Tribal Governance Center reached more than 300 employees. To date, more than 500 have used it.

"It's a good number," said Tribal Elder and Community Health Manager Bonnie Mercier, "because it is all volunteer."

"We'd like to get 100 percent of members and employees," said Johnston. "It's a very inexpensive test for us and, in the long run, we'll

save money on the health plan."

Members of a committee, including Johnston and Mercier, are Tribal member Tresa Mercier, Clinic Business Office supervisor; Tribal Elder Gladys Hobbs; Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor; Allyson Lecatsas, Clinic Administrative officer; and leaders from DiabetOmics. They have been promoting the screening to Tribal members and employees.

At the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow, for example, Dr. Srinivasa Nagalla, company

chief executive officer, provided information and offered screenings with Bonnie Mercier. They will be back again for the Contest Powwow on Saturday, Aug. 20. They also have been at Elders' activities and Memorial Day events.

Nagalla also is a staff physician at Oregon Health and Science University, making this program "a unique partnership" among Tribe, OHSU and DiabetOmics, Johnston said.

In the next step of the program, Community Health will distribute kits for home testing to Tribal members throughout the Tribe's six-county service area.

"The next step is getting kits out to everybody," Mercier said, "and getting case management for those who need it."

Tribal Elders, members and employees pay nothing out-of-pocket for the DiabetOmics screenings.

For information, look for Bonnie Mercier at the next powwow or other Tribal events, or contact her at 503-879-2016. ■