



THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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Shivwits Band of Paiutes
6060 West 3650 North
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RE: New FourPoints Health Clinic Location in St. George

Dear Shivwits Band Council,

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Council wishes to inform the Shivwits Band Council that the Tribal Council has decided to relocate the current health clinic to a new location in St. George. The location of the new clinic is 1449 N 1400 W, St. George, UT 84770, just off Snow Canyon Parkway.

This decision to relocate the St. George clinic comes from hearing the concerns that were presented to the Tribal Council and have been raised by our Tribal Members who reside in Washington County. It is our responsibility as the Tribal Council for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to hear the voices of our tribal members and do our best to ameliorate such issues in the best way possible. With the new clinic location, we will be positioned to better meet the needs of all the Members in the Washington County area and our Membership will have closer access to our FourPoints Health services.

We want to make it very clear that this decision has nothing to do with the Shivwits Band Council's desire to separate itself from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and our programs and services. This has been in discussion for years.

As with all of our programs and services, our Tribal Members are our Top Priority. Most of our members live in the St. George area and will not see transportation as a barrier for them to access our health services. In addition, we have heard the need for more specialized services and care offered at the clinic. Due to the limited space at the current clinic, it is very difficult to have multiple providers operating in the clinic at the same time. At our new location, we are increasing the number of exam rooms, increasing functional workspace for personnel, improving counseling space, and we are increasing office space for support staff. We have heard the concern that it is also difficult to get an appointment at the clinic, which is partly due to the fact that there are limited exam rooms. With the new clinic, we will have more space to see more Tribal Members while reducing the wait time to be seen by medical staff. Most importantly, we will have adequate space to accommodate specialists to work in the clinic to meet the unique health needs of our People. We have heard the comments and questions from our Members about when the Tribe is going to be able to offer the same services, we have in our Cedar City clinic and our Richfield clinic. At our new space, we will have the space to offer these same services, allowing us to better meet

the overall wellness of our People, and to treat our People with a full range of medical services that they may need.

We are not shutting down operations at the current Shivwits Clinic. We will still utilize the clinic for counseling services, patient outreach and support, and wellness and preventative functions. It is also our goal to have medications and prescriptions available for pick-up at the clinic.

As Tribal Council, we have the duty and responsibility for making decisions for the betterment of all of our Membership. The Tribal Council believes that all of our Tribal Members should receive quality medical, behavioral, and dental care. We want all of our Members to be truly healthy and to live healthy lives.

We wanted to reach out and inform the Shivwits Band Council of the upcoming change before we announce it to the community and our Tribal Membership. Although we are relocating to a new clinic, it is our goal to still maintain a respectful and harmonious relationship with the Shivwits Band Council.

With Kind Regards,



Tribal Council
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah