



Resolution No. 10-2005-265

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

(Approving Alchesay Health Center or *Ndee Bi Gowa* Peoples Home Program and Budget)

WHEREAS, section 1(a) of the Constitution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe empowers the Tribal Council to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Tribal Council that a number of White Mountain Apache Tribe have no home or shelter for reasons beyond their control, and the welfare of these individuals is of great concern; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, a volunteer homeless shelter has operated in the Alchesay Hall portion of the Memorial Hall Complex in Whiteriver, Arizona, under the coordination of Dino Manuel; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the shelter is to assist members of the Tribe who need shelter and assistance, while living quarters in a drug free environment, while coordinating with other service providers such as the Rainbow Treatment Center and Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the shelter is to find permanent housing for the clients and to assist them with any problems they might have, like treatment for alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the shelter does not have any funds and relies on volunteers, while security is provided by trustees assigned by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court; and

WHEREAS, in order for the shelter to operate efficiently, Mr. Manuel has requested the following:

1. Non-profit status and a tax identification number for the shelter;
2. The shelter should be recognized as a subordinate economic enterprise of the Tribe;
3. Public dances should be banned from Alchesay Hall;
4. The shelter should utilize the Old Library Room;
5. The shelter should remain at Alchesay Hall until a permanent building is obtained; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it would be in the best interest of the Tribe and the residents of the shelter if it were operated, funded and insured as a program of the Tribe; and

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WHEREAS, a proposal has been prepared for the shelter, as attached and incorporated by this reference.

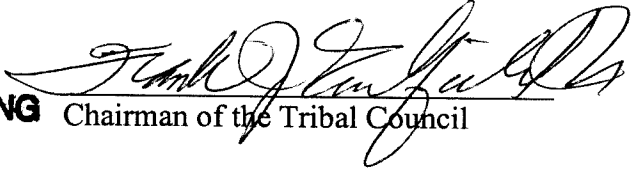
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the White Mountain Apache Tribal Council:

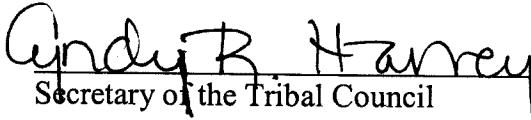
1. The Alchesay Health Center, or *Ndee Bi Gowa* Peoples Home, Program and Budget, as attached and incorporated by this reference, is hereby approved as a program of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.
2. Initial funding for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2005 shall come from Rodeo-Chediski funds in the amount of \$41,160.00
3. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to administer the Alchesay Health Center, develop appropriate policies and procedures for its operation, as well as the health and safety of shelter residents, and execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution, subject to available funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Legal Department is hereby directed to provide an opinion to the Tribal Council as to whether the Alchesay Health Center may operate as a program of the Tribe and receive non-profit status, or whether it may have an alternate legal status as a subordinate economic enterprise of the Tribe or 501(c)(3).
2. The Alchesay Hall and the Old Library Room are hereby designated for the sole and exclusive use of the Alchesay Health Center until such time as a permanent building is obtained.
3. All other uses of Alchesay Hall, including public dances, are hereby terminated.

The foregoing resolution was on October 5, 2005, duly adopted by a vote of FIVE for and THREE against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (h), (k), (t) and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).


ACTING Chairman of the Tribal Council


Secretary of the Tribal Council

**WHITERIVER HOMELESS SHELTER
(ALHESAY HEALTH CENTER)
(NDEE BI GOWA)**

PROPOSAL

**BY DINO MANUEL
WHITERIVER SHELTER COORDINATOR**

Alchesay Health Center

Background

A Homeless Shelter was started in the Alchesay Hall portion of the Memorial Hall Complex in Whiteriver, AZ. It has been in operation since December 17, 2004. The objective of the shelter is not only to provide nightly living quarters in a drug free environment but to assist individuals who need help. Coordination is on going with the Rainbow Treatment Center and Indian Health Service to have the clients evaluated to determine if they need any treatment, emotional or physical. The goal of the shelter is to find permanent housing for the clients and to assist them with any problems they might have, like treatment for alcohol abuse.

Alchesay Health Center / Ndee Bi Gowa

The name of the Homeless Shelter has been discussed with the Community Presidents, and has been named the Alchesay Health Center and in Apache "Ndee Bi Gowa" Peoples Home. To some people it was impolite to call this place the Homeless Shelter therefore we will go with the new name. Also, since this shelter was started in the Alchesay Hall it will stay with the name regardless if the location, if the shelter is re-located.

It is proposed that the Alchesay Health Center (AHC) be structured as a non-profit organization recognized as a Tribal enterprise. A tax exempt number will be assigned to the shelter for any monetary contributions. The Alchesay Health Center will be governed by the Community Presidents, who will oversee the program in its daily operation. Individuals staying at AHC will be advised to sign a waiver, if anything should happen to them while at AHC. This will be placed in effect to AHC and Tribal liability.

Location

The Alchesay Health Center is located in an area that is centralized, most of the clients like this place because they are afraid of juveniles. These clients would be reluctant to go to the AHC if it was located at the old hospital, for example, because it is dark, not adequately lighted, and juveniles hang around the vicinity.

An alternate location for the AHC might be the old elderly home, the two buildings next to the Youth Group Home. The facility has living quarters, kitchen, living room, and bathrooms. These necessities would be ideal for AHC but the problem might be the amount of clients, capacity of the facility. On average the AHC has 15 to 20 people per night. It is unclear how many people the facility can house.

If a permanent location is addressed, then the ideal place would be in the downtown area, behind the Whiteriver Chevron Store next to the old Tribal Maintenance office. If the AHC is located in a centralize area more people would go there for assistance and it could be easy to find rather than driving through subdivisions.

Programs

Coordination and Cooperation will be implemented with various programs to help the clients. Clients in need of home will be assisted by working with Tribal Housing Authority or the Home Improvement Program. Those with substance abuse problems will be assisted through the Rainbow Treatment Center. Clients who are unemployed can get assisted through Tribal Personnel Department or AHC staff can assist with filling out job applications. AHC will do what they can to help the people get back on their feet, financially and/or emotionally. AHC will have an open door policy towards programs that are willing to help clients.

Proposed Budget

The following budget is based on our present location at Alchesay Hall:

1 Coordinator	\$8.00/hr.
4 Securities	\$7.00/hr.
Lights	\$250.00/month
Gas	\$350.00/month during winter
Supplies	\$200.00/month
Maintenance	\$300.00/month

Total cost for 6 months

Coordinator	\$7,680
Security	\$26,880
Lights	\$1,500
Gas	\$2,100
Supplies	\$1,200
Maintenance	<u>\$1,800</u>

\$41,160

Total cost for 12 months

Coordinator	\$15,360
Security	\$53,760
Lights	\$3,000
Gas	\$4,200
Supplies	\$2,400
Maintenance	<u>\$3,600</u>

\$82,320

Currently, AHC does not have any funds; all volunteers are assisting on their own time. A budget is not in place so no one is getting paid; security is being utilized from trustees through Tribal Court. AHC will run more efficiently and effectively once a permanent staff is in place.