



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Monday, April 14, 2025

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Captain Carl Murray reported on the facility structure updates. In March they began the process to start charting with the Cherokee Nation. He announced they have expanded to ten-hour daily work schedules. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification on employees being contacted that they only have ten days left of employment. Councilor Callison inquired about the surgery numbers being up from 2018. Chair Dobbins inquired about the Emergency Room staffing on the weekend. Councilor Deere inquired if any services have been cut over the last ninety days. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls requested clarification on chart creation. Captain Murray introduced the new Chief Operating Officer, Tony Deckard. Chair Dobbins requested his contact information be provided to the Council.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones highlighted some changes in the report. He stated they are closely watching their grant spending. They continue to watch the federal changes and discuss the impact it may have. He spoke of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority MediCade expansion. He reported on the partnership with OSU Radiology. An update was given in relation to the funding agreements with Claremore Indian Hospital. He requested Dr. Harp provide an update on Measles as a follow-up from questions last month. They offered to answer any questions. Chair Dobbins inquired if we offer chiropractic care or orthodontics. Councilor Coates voiced concern with a mailing issue on medicine refills. Councilor Kidwell stated he also get numerous calls about the length of time the mail takes, he suggested looking into a different mail service or postage type. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls requested clarification on automatic refills and same day refills. Councilor Deere requested an update on the partnership with the Tulsa clinic.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Pivec offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Tehee commented on a recent event and some of the classes held at Markoma. Councilor McGeady inquired if the WIC food sales referred to in the report differ from month to month. She requested an update on the community walking group and if yoga is offered at other locations.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Poindexter moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>
<i>Lisa Pivec</i>	<i>Terry Huestis</i>	<i>Mark Vance</i>
<i>Stephanie Isaacs</i>	<i>Verna Thompson</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>
<i>Emma Beth Harp</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>John Young</i>	<i>Carl Murray</i>
<i>Tony Deckard</i>		

