



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, June 10, 2024

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - Melvina Shotpouch and Kevin Easley Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Shambaugh moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave a tornado update. He reported they have formed a committee pertaining to the Daisy Award for nurses. They are currently short 5 dental assistants. Their entire leadership team is taking health care compliance training. He offered to answer questions from the report. Chair Dobbins inquired if there is a common denominator for the dental assistants leaving. Councilor Callison inquired if there are generators at the hospital. Councilor Shambaugh inquired how many dental chairs at the clinic and if the shortage of assistants has been ongoing or recent. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about applying to the IHS scholarship payback program.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Smith gave highlights from the report then commented on their dental assistants. Councilor Legg inquired how many of the OSU Medical graduates we will retain and what the process is. Councilor Callison requested an update on the 10-hour shifts for the staff. Councilor Kidwell inquired if the Supreme Court decision pertaining funding to tribes would impact the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the Dental Assistant shortage in Vinita would impact the level of care. She also inquired as to the number they are currently short there. Councilor Deere inquired if the call in for dental appointments on Wednesday is still available. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls requested clarification on the provider incentive program. She also inquired if the new appointment reminders include dental.

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

Ms. Pivec announced the Know Your Nation Youth Summit is this Thursday. The Cancer Conference was held at the Chota Center last week. She provided an update on the Summer Food and Farmers Market program. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Kidwell requested a report showing the number served for the Summer EBT program.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:30 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Lisa Pivec
Brooke Neff*

*Steve Jones
Taralee Montgomery*

Corey Bunch

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

John Young

Teddye Snell