



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, March 12, 2012

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 2 - Curtis Snell and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the February 23rd regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Fullbright introduced Dianne Barker Harrold as our new attorney for the Tribal Council.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Lay inquired if the Cherokee Nation provided funds to the Claremore Indian Hospital and if so how much. Discussion was held regarding the Cherokee Nation Marshal Service providing security at the clinics and hospitals. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested an automatic appeal process begin with the submittal of a denial by Claremore to Contract Health at Cherokee Nation.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Connie Davis introduced herself as the New Executive Director of Health and gave a brief overview of her background. Councilor Walkingstick inquired as to the biggest issues she has observed so far at Hastings. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if a formal announcement has been made through communications. She inquired if the campus wide ban on tobacco has been revoked, are we going to continue to try to compact the Claremore Indian Hospital contract health services for Cherokee Nation citizens and lastly are we going to consider compacting the Claremore hospital in the same manner as we did Hastings. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the status of the Sam Hider Clinic shutdown. She inquired if a detox center has ever been considered and requested a study be done. Councilor Hargis requested our vision insurance be reviewed as it seems to cost more through insurance than it does otherwise. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested she meet with the Marshal Service to see if an agreement could be met for security to be provided at all of the clinics and hospitals.

Chair Fullbright voiced concerns for the pharmacy consult process. She also inquired about going to the emergency room at Hastings over the weekend then trying to get medication refills at the clinics the following week. Chair Fullbright requested a breakdown of 30 day refills versus 90 day refills for 65 years of age and over and also 55 years of age and over.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [11-136](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC. LIFE CARE PROGRAM FOR THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
- Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table for a month to allow the new Executive Director the opportunity to review the possibility of placing this request under their department. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**
- Yea:** 10 - Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Frankie Hargis
- Nay:** 4 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey and Janelle Fullbright
- Not In Room:** 1 - Joe Byrd

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Lay inquired about the request for the Cherokee Health Partners to be present. Councilor Glory-Jordan commented they have asked for an additional month to compile the information requested.

Councilor Cowan Watts requested in regard to the home health issues that the financials need to be split differently prior to a vote being taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:03 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Bret Hayes
Doug Nolan*

*Jeff Sanders
Doug Evans*

Connie Davis

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Dianne Barker Harrold
Natalie Fullbright Ostrander
Raymond Vann*

*George Valliere
Farrell Prater
Patricia Carpenter*

*Ollie Starr
Charles Dry*