



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, November 14, 2011

1:00 PM

Head Start Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Thompson pointed out the photo project around the room and provided a handout describing the program. She provided a gift to the Council and gave appreciation for their participation in the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

Absent 2 - Meredith Frailey and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Anglen moved to approve the October 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to amend the agenda to add two home health resolutions for discussion only to the agenda. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere announced the report provided is for the fiscal year end. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the

number of citizens being denied for contract health, the category they fit, a description of the categories and the financial quantifications of those denials. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the information be provided by county and if it is within or outside the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Gloria Grim

Dr. Grim provided a copy of their report and offered to answer questions. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a response by email as to why the third party revenue is so low for Jay. She inquired how we are going to go about hiring more doctors and dentists for our clinics and hospitals. Councilor Fishinghawk also inquired how far down on the list Sam Hider clinic is and requested additional space for the Wilma P Mankiller clinic. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about having additional doctors in the ER at Hastings during peak times. Councilor Lay voiced concern for losing doctors from his area to other clinics. Councilor Cowan Watts stated compacting the Claremore Indian Health facility was mentioned last month, she inquired if it is on the agenda for the Administration to consider. She also inquired about compacting the contract health dollars for Claremore. Ms. Grim stated she would speak to the Administration and provide feedback.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW 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 Thornton requested to be added to both resolutions. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to how much of the line of credit has been drawn. Mr. Rick Richards gave an overview of the Home Health Group and their situation. Councilor Glory-Jordan stated she requested this be placed on the agenda as discussion only to allow a month for Mr. Richards and Dr. Grim to discuss and see if any aspect of this program could be moved over to the Health group. Councilor Cowan Watts raised question as to the long term implications, the need for two resolutions and voiced concern for this being used to replace contract health services when not covered by our current system. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested a breakdown of patients by county. Councilor Keener requested information to show where the funds are coming from and where they are going. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested Mr. Richards and Dr. Grim provide a plan next month.
Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table both resolutions for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [11-137](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR NON-FUNDED AND UNDER-FUNDED HOME CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHEROKEE CITIZENS BY CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Tabled for one month with item 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bill Gillespie, Area Chair with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, presented both Dr. Gloria Grim and Dr. Charles Grim with the Patriot Award. They

were nominated for their continued support of their staff during active deployment and their duties as guardsmen. Dr. Thomas Franklin, Chief of the ER nominated them both. Dr. Thomas Franklin is a Lt. Colonel, Squadron Leader in the USAF Reserve.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:54 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Dr. Gloria Grim
Rick Richards*

*Dr. Chuck Grim
Verna Thompson*

*Doug Evans
Ashlei Ashmore*

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Dr. Skyler Steelburg

Bill Gillespie