



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, May 13, 2013

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Councilor Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Late Arrival** 5 - Buel Anglen; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan and Cara Cowan Watts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the April 22, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hoskin Jr. made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution authorizing the development and submission of a grant application to the economic development administration to secure funding for infrastructure for health facilities as the first item of discussion in new business. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the sequestration. She also inquired about the agreements with the Marshal Service and the Claremore Police*

Department. She also inquired if there are any issues with the relationship between the Cherokee Nation Contract Health Service and Claremore Indian Health Service.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis presented plaques of appreciation to Dr. Nelson, Dr. Fishinghawk and Dr. Ballew for their efforts to bring the waiting list for a colonoscopy from over 1,800 to less than 250 patients. Last month they had their annual accreditation survey and received a much better result than last year with only minor deficiencies reported. They celebrated hospital week last week and raised \$5,000 through fundraisers which will be donated to Indian Child Welfare and the local food pantry. She announced they have a doctor on contract and will begin work at the Jay Clinic next month. They have been asked by the State of Oklahoma to host training in June on the Affordable Care Act and its implementation. She commends Dr. Steve Jones for the change he made in the Dental Services hours of operation which allowed them to increase the number of patients seen. She provided a handout of drawings of future clinics and stated these are pending final negotiations on contracts. She stated the estimated timeline for completion of these clinics is July of 2014. She gave some detail of each clinic drawing. Councilor Cowan Watts requested by email the flow chart for contract health service. Councilor Byrd requested the staff at Markoma be commended for their work. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if the flooding issues at the Vinita clinic have been addressed. He commented on the Learn to Grow Program. He inquired about the contract health process flow chart and requested the requirement for a chart to be made at Claremore before being seen on a referral be reviewed once again. Councilor Anglen inquired if hearing aides are available at all clinics. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if the Cherokee Nation were to compact the contract health services from the Claremore Indian Hospital service area would that resolve a significant number of issues from the patient perspective. Councilor Lay inquired about the architects for the new clinics and how they were selected. Councilor Thornton requested a yearly breakdown on the 5%. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the leaks at the Markoma facility. She also requested an outdoor walking facility be considered at the Markoma facility.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-254](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE 5% SET ASIDE PER LA-25-11

**Councilor Lay moved to table. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.**

NEW BUSINESS

[13-081](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO SECURE FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HEALTH FACILITIES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Ms. Diane Kelley and Mr. Doug Evans gave an overview of how the opportunity came about along with what is included in the opportunity. Councilor Cowan Watts requested Mr. Evans work with our Council CPA Mr. Reece to ensure we have taken the appropriate legislative path on the \$80ml. After discussion was held, all Councilors requested to be added as sponsors with the exception of Councilor Coates.

**The motion to approve carried.**

1. [13-071](#)

AN ACT RELATING TO A NINETY DAY PRESCRIPTION MANDATE

*Chair Fullbright announced a revision of the proposed Act has been provided. Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. Councilor Glory-Jordan gave an overview of the intent of the Act. Councilor Cowan Watts raised question about the flexibility with the "shall mandate" language. She also questioned being able to renegotiated with Medicare and if a drop box could be made available for non-used medications. Councilors Cowan Watts, Byrd, Anglen, Walkingstick, Garvin, Snell, and Hargis requested to be added as sponsors. After lengthy discussion was held Councilor Baker offered a friendly amendment to Section 4a in the sentence to add "except for certain exceptions" following ninety (90) days at a time. Councilor Glory-Jordan didn't accept the friendly amendment. Councilor Coates voiced concern for the language mandate and shall.*

**The motion to approve and forward to Council this evening carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 13 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 4 - Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates and Lee Keener Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 10th at 1:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:45 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Travis Noland</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Terrisa Muskrat</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>
<i>Diane Kelley</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>	<i>Robert Garcia</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>
<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	