



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, September 17, 2012

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

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

**Late Arrival** 5 - Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick and Cara Cowan Watts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Garvin moved to approve the August 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Councilor Cowan Watts commented Mr. Valliere is on his way. Chair Fullbright announced the Claremore Service Unit would be heard following Ms. Davis' report.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis provided a handout of updates since the report was submitted. She announced Dr. Doug Nolan the Medial Director at Hastings has been recognized by the Oklahoma Rural Health Association as Physician of the Year. She gave an overview of the handout provided as well as updates on the audio care system, the hiring processes, and contract health. She announced the grand opening of the Vinita Health Clinic would be moved to October 23rd. Ms. Davis signed the remediation contract for the Redbird Smith Clinic. They are working to coordinate a*

meeting with the architects at the Wilma P. Mankiller clinic. Land may have been located for the additional space needed at the Sam Hider clinic. The twelve-hour work days at Nowata are going well and are well liked, they will be doing a trial basis at other clinics as well. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired when the Vinita Clinic would be fully operational. Councilor Cowan Watts requested additional information on the twelve-hour work days and if there were news releases to inform the patients of the additional hours. She also inquired about the Markoma budget change impact on direct services. Ms. Davis stated a handout was provided today in regard to the impact of this change. Councilor Baker requested consideration be given for the funds set aside in the budget for dentures and eyeglasses to be extended to Cherokee's living outside of the jurisdiction who use the clinics. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested all departments at Hastings answer the phone and do away with the answering service. Councilor Coates inquired if consideration had been given to enter into contracts with other fitness centers to relieve some of the overflow issues at Markoma. Councilor Cowan Watts requested in a couple of weeks a report showing by county a breakdown of services for eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids. Councilor Hargis inquired if one or two hearing aids were provided to patients. She also inquired about the role of the Cherokee Health Partners and their authority at Hastings. Councilor Lay requested a feasibility study for a permanent location for the Bartlesville Clinic. He voiced concern for the Vinita Clinic being staffed at the expense of the Nowata Clinic. He inquired if there is a solution to the ninety-day refill. Councilor Glory-Jordan commented she had requested several years ago for CNB to do a feasibility study on a hearing aid, eyeglass, and denture business. She requested the feasibility be revisited. She inquired if we could negotiate with our insurance companies to get ninety-day prescriptions. Councilor Anglen inquired about the maintenance and facility cost for Markoma. Councilor Byrd inquired about the possibility of us warehousing our own drugs. Councilor Byrd requested Mr. Sanders provide some options to consider to resolve this issue. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there is a different way of looking at the issue such as writing prescriptions differently. Ms. Davis voiced concern for some patients receiving ninety-day refills that are seriously ill and need close monitoring. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired how they did ninety-day prescriptions years ago. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a breakdown of prescriptions and the cost associated with them. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a status update on the possibility of compacting Claremore Indian Hospital's inpatient/outpatient contract health service.

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere provided an update on their report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there are any issues with the contract health monies.

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Hargis moved to amend the agenda to include 2 nominations to the PACE board and 2 to the Home Health Board. Councilor Glory-Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **TMP-206** DISCUSSION - COMPARISON OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SALARIES

Councilor Fishinghawk stated they have started the workgroup. She requested the salary comparisons be broke down by a more rural area.

**Councilor Fishinghawk moved to table for one month. Councilor Glory-Jordan**

seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-220](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PACE CENTER

**Councilor Glory-Jordan stated a portion of this will be taken care of with the 4 nominations to be considered at the end of this meeting. She moved to table the portion regarding the PACE Center. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

2. [TMP-222](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET ITEMS

*Councilor Fishinghawk stated during a work group meeting they learned of some capital expenditures and a master plan for several items. She stated they will be requesting to move two accounting units to be reserved by appropriation so they have to come before the Council prior to sending. Councilor Lay requested the document showing the items referred to by Councilor Fishinghawk be provided to the Council. Ms. Davis stated it was an internal working document and a list of items to discuss with the Chief. Discussion was held pertaining to the proposed surgery center. Councilor Lay inquired as to why a portion of the 5% dividend isn't used for the backlog of surgeries. He also requested a copy of the final 5% dividend policy. Ms. Davis stated they would provide a formalized master plan next month.*

**Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to table to allow time for the master plan to be presented. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion failed with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Chuck Hoskin Jr.; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 10 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr.; Don Garvin; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Cara Cowan Watts

*Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the funds set aside for the surgery center. Chair Fullbright stated she appointed a small work group of herself, Councilors Byrd, Thornton, Lay and Fishinghawk, the Deputy Chief and Health Administrators to discuss health issues. They are scheduled to meet again on the 24th. Councilor Baker inquired what the two account numbers being referred to. Councilor Fishinghawk stated 3329025 and 3329050. Councilor Baker stated the budget hasn't been approved and is on the Council agenda tonight, the appropriate thing to do would be to move them to a restricted status at that time. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the formation of work groups be announced in the committee and reports given. She requested a solution for the Markoma situation also be addressed this evening.*

**Councilor Fishinghawk made a motion to move the expenditures for lines items 3329025 and 3329050 into a restricted by appropriations line item. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilor Baker gave clarification that this would need to be reflected when the budget is passed tonight. The motion carried by acclamation.**

## AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Markoma funding. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**TMP-225**

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - MARKOMA FUNDING

*Ms. Lacey Horn clarified some of the restrictions that would take place if the funds for the gym come from IHS instead of general fund. Dr. Grim provided specific details and well as a budget impact of \$95,000. Ms. Lisa Pivec gave details of some of the issues regarding ADA compliance and space costs. After additional discussion was held Councilor Glory-Jordan made a motion to take \$681,000 from the Back to Work Program for Markoma and replenish at carryover time. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. After addition discussion was held Councilor Baker offered a friendly amendment to only take \$400,000 from the Back to Work program now and at carry over time replenish the Back to Work program and place an additional \$400,000 in the Markoma budget. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there was a plan for a fitness facility in other areas.*

**The motion to approve carried with some opposition.**

**12-122**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CONNIE DAVIS AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a conflict of interest for Ms. Davis. The motion to approve all 4 in Toto carried and to send to Council tonight.**

**12-123**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEBORAH PROCTOR AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a conflict of interest for Ms. Davis. The motion to approve all 4 in Toto carried and to send to Council tonight.**

**12-124**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF CONNIE DAVIS AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a conflict of interest for Ms. Davis. The motion to approve all 4 in Toto carried and to send to Council tonight.**

**12-125**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DEBORAH PROCTOR AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about a conflict of interest for Ms. Davis. The motion to approve all 4 in Toto carried and to send to Council**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Glory-Jordan voiced concern for the lengthy health meetings and suggested moving this meeting to 10:00 a.m. on Council Mondays. After discussion was held and other options discussed due to the upcoming Bull Hollow meeting and holidays the times were not changed.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:19 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Doug Nolan</i>
<i>Gaylon Thompson</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>Connie Chandler</i>
<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Elizabeth O'Dell</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Amy Sams</i>	<i>Chuck Grim</i>	<i>Lisa Pivec</i>
<i>Dianna Turtle</i>	<i>Ed Crittenden</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Ollie Starr</i>
<i>Charles Dry</i>		