



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, June 16, 2014

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 15 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez
- Absent** 2 - Jodie Fishinhawk and Dick Lay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the May 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave highlights from the report provided and made a correction in stating that they are not currently scanning patients with the MRI as they await IHS to perform an inspection, however they are in the training process. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how the past denials for the MRI would be addressed.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis gave highlights of the reports provided along with follow up to questions asked in the prior month. She provided a handout giving an update on the current construction projects. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the involvement of the HWH Group. Ms. Davis continued with her report overview and commented the

recruitment activity log now includes if the recruits are Cherokee or not. She reported Mr. George Long applied for a grant and they will be receiving \$2.5ml in funding for equipment designated by clinic. Ms. Davis provided a handout showing the current services and the soon to be added services with the expansions. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the patient handbook being available online along with hours of operation for each clinic. Councilor Coates gave appreciation for all of the hard work on the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Davis requested Mr. Bret Hayes provide an update on the Claremore contract health assumption. Councilor Garvin inquired about the status of the dermatologist at the Muskogee clinic. Ms. Davis provided a handout regarding the agreement signed with the veteran's last month and enrollment dates. Councilor Byrd inquired about Dr. Montgomery at the Sallisaw clinic. Ms. Davis requested Dr. Jones provide an update on the Dental Crown Program. Dr. Jones provided a copy of the crown policy that will be followed and gave an overview of the program.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Resolution for the Dental Crown Program to the agenda. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

14-063

A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH DENTAL CROWN PROGRAM

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to approve. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. After questions were exhausted the motion to approve carried with a request to forward this to the Council meeting this evening. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:59 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Elizabeth Odell
Brian Hail
Connie Davis
Bill Andoe*

*Dr. Charles Grim
Bret Hayes
Steve Jones
Dr. Neil Morton*

*Dr. Roger Montgomery
Jeff Sanders
Diane Kelley
Mandy Scott*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Patricia Carpenter
Ollie Starr
Larry Horn

Dianne Barker Harrold
George Valliere

Cheryl Brown
Ruth Ann Weaver