



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, January 16, 2012

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Late Arrival 1 - Meredith Frailey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the December 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an overview of his report. Questions were asked about Mobility Plus coming in to the area. Councilor Cowan Watts gave appreciation for all of the assistance in obtaining the signage for the hospital. Councilor Lay inquired if a new I.H.S. facility was being built in Miami and if so would it change the current mapping area.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Dr. Schuyler Steelberg offered to answer questions from the report submitted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the policy for the implementation of the 5% dividend that had been requested. Mr. Steelberg stated they have been submitted to Administration for approval. Councilor Hoskin Jr. voiced concern for the time passing

and our people not receiving assistance while we have to wait on the policy to be developed then approved. Councilor Walkingstick voiced concerns he had received in regard to old and faulty equipment at Hastings. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired who to contact person would be for contract health issues in relation to the 5% dividend. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a status update on the hiring of doctors in the clinics and the 90 day prescription plan. She requested the dollar amount set aside and carried over for equipment purchases at Hastings be provided to this committee. Councilor Thornton inquired how many physicians we are short in the clinics and voiced concern for the opening of the Vinita causing even more of a shortage in the other clinics. Councilor Thornton requested a proposal at the next meeting for the 90 day medicine refills and if it is an issue with Medicare he requested their policy as well. He also requested an easier way to call in the prescriptions. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if the 5% policy would be retroactive and requested the policy be given to the Council for review prior to its implementation. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to why so many medications are now required to be cut by the patient. She suggested if it is a cost savings then we should research the possibility of purchasing a cutting machine. Chair Fullbright inquired as to when the dialysis center would be opening. She also inquired if there is a uniform process for the call in refills throughout all of the clinics. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a savings of the 90 day versus the 30 day refills be provided in the report next month.

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 stated it is her understanding that Mr. Doug Evans and Ms. Lacey Horn were working together to provide a report on these two items and need an additional month to complete. She moved to table. 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.
This item was tabled for one month with item 1.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Schuyler Steelberg

Rick Richards

LaVonda Ross

VISITORS PRESENT:

Raymond Vann
Todd Hembree

George Valliere

Charles Dry