



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, July 15, 2013

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 11 - Buel Anglen; David Thornton, Sr.; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts and Frankie Hargis

**Absent** 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

**Late Arrival** 5 - Curtis Snell; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the June 10th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere provided a brief overview of the report provided. He reported they can start a chart for a Cherokee Nation citizen referred from clinics to them if the referring clinic sends a copy of their C.D.I.B. and driver's license. Councilor Lay inquired as to the number of positions they are short at Claremore. He also inquired about the budget for the contract health referrals and of that budget how much is Cherokee Nation citizens. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the Cherokee Nation Marshal response times and the status of the MRI machine.*

## 2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis gave an overview of the report provided. They have hired an outside source to analyze their coding and billing practices. She provided an update on Dr. Jones review of past claims. They are working to develop a policy to determine who has the authority to write off a claim. They currently have nine vacant positions at the Hospital. The feasibility study at Hastings is ongoing. She provided an update on the colonoscopy wait list, the Jack Brown Treatment Center, the Elder Care/PACE center, and the diesel spill at Hastings. Ms. Davis announced they are now offering online pharmacy refills. Councilor Lay inquired as to the status of the electronic health records system to connect all clinics. He inquired about the contract health referral funds for Hastings and their specific uses. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if their recruitment is for governmental employees or Cherokee Nation employees. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on page 19 of their report pertaining to the 5% set aside. She also inquired as to why the Council would learn of Palladian through the newspaper rather than being informed by the Health group. Councilor Fullbright inquired about the status of the Redbird Clinic and the Dialysis Center. Councilor Keener inquired about chiropractic care and if the ninety day refill policy would be available next month. Chair Fullbright commented it could be placed on the agenda next month for discussion. Councilor Snell inquired about the process for behavioral health.*

## OLD BUSINESS

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

*Councilor Lay made a motion to take the 5% contract health set aside to the Claremore Hospital Service Unit area for Cherokee only patients within the jurisdictional area. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion with a friendly amendment for it to be all inpatient/outpatient contract health service within the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction not already covered by Cherokee Nation Contract Health Service. The friendly was accepted. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired as to the impact of this motion. Councilor Byrd requested the pros and cons if this was to pass. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if they are in the process of moving contract health service from Claremore to us.*

**After additional questions and concerns Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to table for 60 days. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Cowan Watts opposed.**

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 1:00 p.m.*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:11 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Elizabeth Odell  
Dr. Charles Grim  
Terrisa Muskrat*

*Bret Hayes  
Connie Davis  
Dr. Roger Montgomery*

*Steve Jones  
Lisa Long  
Courtney Roark Thompson*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*George Valliere  
Farrell Prater  
Cheryl Brown*

*Charles Dry  
Ollie Starr*

*Ruth Ann Weaver  
Patricia Carpenter*