



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Monday, January 13, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Late Arrival 1 - Dora Patzkowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Captain Murray provided highlights from the report including the retirement of their clinical director. He provided an update on the collaboration with the Cherokee Nation to enable a smooth transition. He announced they have received a new scholarship. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Dobbins requested clarification from the report. Councilor Callison inquired about the process for filling vacant positions during the transition. Councilor Shambaugh inquired as to the wait time for a dentist appointment. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls congratulated them on the new scholarship.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones announced a record setting number of 997 babies were delivered in 2024. He provided a construction update and an update on the collaboration efforts with the Claremore Health Unit. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Deere requested an update on the North Tulsa Clinic. Councilor Callison requested clarification on the electronic health records for Claremore. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if the increase in babies was due to divers. Councilor Shotpouch inquired if contract health would change at Claremore once the transition is complete. Chair Dobbins inquired about the dental program staffing and about the time to get an appointment. He also inquired if we offer dialysis or if it is contracted out. Lastly he inquired if our providers have to have an Oklahoma license. Councilor Kidwell inquired if they have contacted the Chickasaw in regard to their pharmacy program.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Kim Chuculate gave highlights from the report provided. She announced they continue to work on the Wings Race schedule for 2025. She offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:37 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Brooke Neff
Shella Bowlin*

*Corey Bunch
David Moore*

Steve Jones

VISITORS PRESENT:

Carl Murray

John Young

Teddye Snell