



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair*

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Monday, March 11, 2024

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell ; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere announced they received a letter from the Joint Commission giving them full accreditation for three years. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Jones announced it is patient safety awareness week this week. He reported they completed the second town hall meeting on autism. The text messaging service for patients has started. They are working out ways for refills through the portal and referral management through the portal. They are moving toward thirty day refills instead of ninety day refills. He introduced Dr. Beth Harp from Westville as the New Medical Director. He offered to answer questions from the report.*

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

*Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided. Dr. Gahn discussed the new guidelines for COVID, the Flu and RSV. The COVID numbers are going down at this time. Seventy percent of Oklahomans have antibodies to COVID. They offered to answer questions from the report.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The medical school graduation will be held at the Chota Ballroom on May 14th.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Patzkowski moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:40 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Lisa Pivec  
David Gahn*

*Steve Jones*

*Beth Harp*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*John Young*

*Teddy Snell*