



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, December 10, 2012

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr.; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Late Arrival 3 - David Thornton, Sr.; Jodie Fishinghawk and Tina Glory Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the November 13th regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere introduced their new Ambulatory Care Director, Lieutenant Commander Kelly Batise. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to how the 5% set aside is working in regard to contract health services from their end.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis offered to answer questions from the reports provided. She announced she and Dr. Chuck Grim attended a meeting regarding the Affordable Care Act and its impact on the State of Oklahoma and hoped to provide a presentation pertaining to their findings in January. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the impact of the MOU with the Veteran's Health Care and I.H.S. Chair Fullbright requested a status

update on the Redbird Clinic. She also questioned the status of the contract with Sparks Hospital in Ft. Smith in relation to the Affordable Care Act.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TMP-206** DISCUSSION - COMPARISON OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SALARIES

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the status. Ms. Davis stated they are in the final phases of gathering data which will be submitted to the Treasurer and Administration for final approval. Councilor Fishinghawk voiced concern for the length of time this has taken. After explanations were given she requested some type of numbers be provided at the next meeting. Councilor Thornton requested an updated vacancy list. He requested a work group meeting be scheduled in January. Councilor Lay inquired about the status of the \$50ml and if any Councilors have been present at the meetings. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a work group meeting be scheduled to discuss the vacancies, salaries and the clinic expansions.

After dicussion was held this item was tabled for an additional month.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 14th at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Dianna Turtle</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>
<i>Sharon Swepston</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Charles Head</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Chelsea Wilson</i>	<i>Bill Foster</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Kelly Batise</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>
<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	