



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, March 10, 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 requested a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Late Arrival 2 - Johnny Kidwell and Joe Deere

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Captain Murray gave highlights from the report. He announced they were on divert for fourteen hours due to a city water main break. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison requested clarification on the patient increase referred to in the report. He also inquired if they had received notice of any cutbacks or layoffs from the federal government. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls congratulated them on being awarded a safe infant hospital. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if any they had received any Indian Health Service budget cuts.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Coldwell gave highlights from the report including construction updates. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired about the

process for other tribes at our facilities. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls requested information about the denture program, a list of patient advocates at all health facilities and which method is being used in OBGYN. Councilor Coates inquired if they have ramped up efforts for communicable disease vaccines such as measles.

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

Ms. Chuculate gave highlights from the report provided. Chair Dobbins requested additional information on the agreement with the area gyms. Councilor Smith inquired if there isn't a non-profit gym close would they consider the agreement with a private gym.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. TMP-419** For Discussion Only - Cherokee Nation Elder Care Program Update
Presenter: Janet Meredith

Ms. Meredith introduced two of the staff and gave an overview of the program including some upcoming events. They offered to answer questions pertaining to the program. Councilor Poindexter requested they attend the area community meetings. Councilor Hall gave appreciation for the tour provided last week. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about the coverage area and requested area further up north. Councilor Callison inquired about in home health service. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the eligibility requirements then requested a copy of the application. Councilor Poindexter inquired when the program started. Councilor Easley inquired if there was a program like this in Rogers county. Chair Dobbins requested clarification on being tribally linked. Councilor Tehee inquired about the percentage of Cherokee participation.

Presented

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:39 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Wayne Coldwell
Janet Meredith*

*Kim Chuculate
Corey Bunch*

*Brooke Neff
Christina Justice*

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddye Snell