



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

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Monday, December 17, 2018

1:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Dick Lay

**Late Arrival** 2 - David Walkingstick and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Taylor moved to approve the November 13th minutes as submitted. Councilor Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave highlights from the report provided. Chair Shaw inquired as to what the increase in revenue is attributed too. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of providers at the hospital.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Steve Jones announced Dr. Grim has resigned and he is now the acting Deputy Director. He pointed out a few highlights from the report provided. Chair Shaw requested some background information from Dr. Jones. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the physical therapy department will be moved out of the Mankiller Clinic during*

renovation. He also inquired someone needs to do if they need assistance getting into the door at a clinic. Councilor Buzzard requested the number of veterans seen at each clinic and hospital throughout our jurisdiction. He also requested additional information regarding the 0-19 age group of those seen. Councilor Anglen requested Dr. Jones contact information be sent to the entire council. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the process for looking for a new director. Chair Shaw inquired if the patients are encouraged to enroll in the free insurance. She also inquired if contract health is connected to the electronic health records. Councilor Crittenden requested an organizational chart with contact information. Chair Shaw complemented them on the formulary being up online soon. She asked about glasses and hearing aids for At Large citizens as well as the cost for dental visits. Councilor Warner inquired about a citizen who had cataract surgery but still needs glasses but isn't eligible for a new set.

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [18-083](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTS  
  
**Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. Following lengthy discussion regarding waiving sovereign immunity the motion to approve and forward to Council this evening carried with Councilor Walkingstick opposed.**
  
2. [TMP-375](#) PRESENTATION - OVERVIEW OF THE CHEROKEE ELDER CARE PROGRAM by Debra Proctor  
  
*Chair Shaw introduced Deb Proctor as the Director of our Elder Care Program. Ms. Proctor gave a brief PowerPoint handout presentation of the elder program. She introduced members of her staff. Following the overview of the program she offered to answer questions. Councilor Vazquez inquired if there has been consideration of expansion into other districts. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about assisted living and if they work with Delaware county. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about trips and conferences they attend. Chair Shaw inquired about the number of contracts they have for DME. She also inquired about the preferred providers on the website but not all. She inquired about the length of time to get authorization. She inquired about income requirements for the PACE center.*  
  
**Presented**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Warner moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:24 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Deb Proctor</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Steve Carey</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Laura Vance</i>	<i>Daniel Stout</i>	<i>Thelma Pittman</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

*George Valliere*      *Shaun Shepherd*