



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Council House  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, June 10, 2013

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 12 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 5 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan and Joe Byrd

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the May 13, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an update from the written report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the contract health funding numbers and requested the information be included in the monthly report. She requested an update on the MRI machine.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Dr. Charles Grim reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. Dr. Grim offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report on Markoma next month. Dr. Grim provided an invitation to an open house with Eagle Med on Wednesday. He provided updates on five current issues: the CHS dividend funds, the facilities update, feasibility study at Hastings, recruitment update, and ninety-day prescription update. Dr. Grim provided handouts regarding the contract*

health funding. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an updated chart service area chart. Dr. Grim gave a brief overview of the CHS Review Summary handout. Councilor Lay inquired how much of the 5% set aside has been used in the Hastings service area. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested the portion of the policy be highlighted and provided to the Council showing the flexibility to spend the 5% in the Hastings area. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a breakdown by clinic of the number of charts to doctors. She also requested a chart showing all of the corp employees and their positions. Dr. Grim provided an update on the construction project updates at Redbird Health Clinic, Ochelata Clinic, Sam Hider Clinic, Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a TERO compliance update with the projects. Mr. Brian Hail gave an update on the W. W. Hastings Hospital feasibility study and expansion. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about the square footage, what services and if an architect has been chosen. Councilor Byrd stressed the design should be authentic Cherokee. Dr. Roger Montgomery provided an update on the staffing at the clinics and the hospital. Mr. Jeff Sanders provided an update on the ninety-day prescription refills. He stated he would like to meet with as many of the Council members as possible to discuss the expectations as well as the barriers and limitations. Chair Fullbright requested Dr. Jones attend the meeting next month and provide a report on the dental services. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report breaking down the 5% showing dentures, hearing aids and eyeglasses. Councilor Glory-Jordan commented several of the employees at Hastings have their name tags where they are non-visible. Councilor Fishinghawk voiced concern for employees at Hastings calling the patients honey, dear, etc.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 1. [TMP-254](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE 5% SET ASIDE PER LA-25-11

Councilor Lay voiced concern for the 5% not working like it was supposed to. Councilor Cowan Watts commented this has become more evident that the contract health services at Claremore and the actual Claremore Hospital should be compacted. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to why this wasn't compacted in the prior administration. Chair Fullbright agreed it is a good idea and requested the Health Group pursue the option. Mr. Bret Hayes stated they have requested some information to explore this possibility but they will expedite the request.

Councilor Lay made a motion to put the 5% set aside to the Claremore Indian Hospital Service Area only. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion with a friendly for it to be within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional service area only. Councilor Lay accepted. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired how much of the 5% has been used in the Hastings area.

**Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to table one month to allow Health to provide the additional information. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:**

**Yea:** 11 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

**Nay:** 6 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay and Cara Cowan Watts

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Garvin moved to adjourn. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:52 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Dr. Roger Montgonery</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Lisa Long</i>	<i>Leroy Qualls</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Freddie Ferrell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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