



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, December 16, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg and Dora Patzkowski

Late Arrival 1 - Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the November regular session and the October Public Health Sub minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an update from the report provided. He also provided information requested last month regarding the top five reasons for admissions. Councilor Austin inquired about the revenues being down. Chair Shaw inquired about the top diagnosis or priority items when considering paying referrals and the budget for paying for the referrals. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the use of the third party funds collected.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones provided a handout of their community engagement and gave a brief overview. He touched on highlights from the report provided. He followed up on questions asked last month. Updates were given on the new outpatient facility and the

Stilwell clinic. Dr. Jones announced some recommendations and responses to those recommendations resulting from the provider surveys will be provided to the Council. They are currently doing a time cycle study on how long it takes to get an appointment with a provider and without a provider. They are also doing a time study on referrals. He explained what can and cannot be discussed about employees and/or patients when the Council has a request. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired if the Zantac recall affects us. Councilor Buzzard inquired about releasing medical records with an electronic signature. Councilor Nofire inquired if team building measurers are performed with the staff. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about physical therapy at the Salina Clinic. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the rapid response referred to in the report. Chair Shaw inquired about publicizing the new phone numbers and area codes for the new out patient clinic, the issues with calling to cancel appointments, refills for more than one month, the lower drug cost now act, MRI appointments, cardiologist, and support groups for dementia and Alzheimer's.

Cherokee Nation Home Health &
Cherokee Nation Hospice - April Moore

Ms. Moore gave highlights of the report provided and offered to answer questions. Chair Shaw inquired about the number of patients turned away. Councilor Shambaugh inquired why the patients are turned down. Chair Shaw inquired if the services are income based.

PACE - Thelma Pittman

Ms. Pittman gave an overview of the report provided. Chair Shaw inquired about care giver support groups, if they are required to have over 50% Cherokee participation, and about transportation provided. Councilor Nofire inquired about using the transportation services to transport them to community events. Councilor Austin inquired what constitutes the home of a patient.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Duncan made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution to donate surplus equipment. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Councilor Taylor inquired why it is being presented to this committee instead of Executive & Finance. Chief of Staff Enlow gave a brief background and request to forward to Council this evening. The motion to amend carried with Councilor Taylor opposed.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO DONATE A METAL FRAME BUILDING TO MARYETTA SCHOOL IN ADAIR COUNTY

Councilor Duncan moved to approve and forward to Council this evening. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilor Taylor opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:55 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tralynna Scott
Thelma Pittman
Todd Enlow

Taralee Montgomery
Steve Jones
April Moore

Elizabeth Odell
Steve Carey

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Tim Brown