



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, April 11, 2022

12:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Kidwell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Wes Nofire; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

Late Arrival 1 - Mike Shambaugh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tehee made a motion to approve the March minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave highlights from the report provided. They have reached an all-time high in collections. He announced the Kids Safety Fest will be held June 4th on the hospital front lawn. Chair Dobbins inquired about the impact of the Creek Nation pulling their shares out of the Claremore service unit. Councilor Kidwell inquired if other tribes get more shares when one tribe pulls theirs. Councilor Austin inquired if the Creeks still have a seat on the Advisory Counsel. Councilor Callison inquired as to what the gain is by pulling their shares. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on the denial letters. Councilor Shotpouch inquired if a patient is deceased and the family still gets denial letters should they appeal. Councilor Austin inquired about the percent of patient population that are Cherokee nation citizens. Councilor Kidwell requested the report show the number of appeals and then the number of those that are denied. Councilor Callison inquired what portion of contract health gets referred to Claremore

IHS.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided, including construction and the annual accreditation survey. Councilor Legg inquired about physical rehab in facility. Councilor Shotpouch inquired if we recognize UKB identification cards for pharmacy pickup. Councilor Callison inquired about the process for UKB members and contract health. Councilor Deere inquired if there is a rule pertaining to having a tribal clinic within a mile of an IHS facility. He inquired as why we don't have a clinic in the Catoosa area. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on what an At Large citizen is eligible for if they are in house at one of our facilities.

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

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided. She provided an update on the tribal health assessment and the cross-collaborative "Working Together". The CDC Biannual Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting will be hosted by the Cherokee Nation on August 3rd and 4th. The Community Health Assessment are complete and in the process of being distributed. The tentative launch date for the public health website is May 1st. Ms. Pivec gave an update on the Summer Electronic Benefits for Tribal Children Program. The Wings Program is back in person and the virtual option will continue.

Dr. Gahn provided an update on COVID by first stating it is still here. He provided the most recent statistics in the U.S. and commented New York is trending up in cases. He does expect another surge in Oklahoma with the BA2 Sub Variant of Omicron. He encouraged a second booster for those of 50 years of age and older. Councilor Shotpouch inquired about the timeline between the first and second booster shot. Councilor Callison inquired about public health lunches for the summer. Councilor Austin commented on the exercise equipment at the Will Rogers Apartments. Councilor Smith inquired about a summer program for grandparents who have their grandchildren. Councilor Nofire requested an update on a WIC program at the farmers markets. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the WIC is income based. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the booster shot should be the same manufacturer as your original vaccine. How helpful is the booster. What are the symptoms of the latest strain. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about an uptick in the flu.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [22-032](#) PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUND IMPROVEMENT ACT

Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. Councilors Coates and Nofire requested to be added as sponsors. The motion carried with a request to be taken to full council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Our Docs Rock Event will be on May 7th at the Hard Rock.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Crittenden moved to adjourn. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:43 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>David Gahn</i>	<i>Lisa Pivec</i>	<i>Camerin Fite James</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Jody Reece</i>	<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>
<i>Chad Harsha</i>	<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>John Young</i>
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