



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, June 14, 2021

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Nofire gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - 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; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Dobbins made a motion to approve the May minutes as submitted. Councilor Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported on their seven-day positivity rate for May. To date they have given just over 27,000 vaccines and have performed just under 20,000 COVID tests. He reported they leased some office space close to the hospital with the plan to move some business offices there and opening up hospital space for additional clinic space. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin inquired about the response on students being vaccinated. Councilor Deere requested clarification on patients requesting their registry number for the \$2,000. Councilor Buzzard requested additional clarification on the positivity rate. Chair Shaw inquired if the Creek Nation purchasing the Cancer Treatment facility of America building would have a direct impact on the At Large citizens going to Claremore.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Wayne Coldwell, Deputy Executive Director, gave highlights from the report and offered to answer questions. Councilor Taylor inquired if we assist parents of newborns with citizenship while in the hospital. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for his accessibility. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the positivity rate for COVID. Chair Shaw inquired how the medicade expansion would affect Cherokee citizens. She inquired if they are prepared for the surge of babies.

PACE - Thelma Pittman

Ms. Pittman reported they have not had any participants test positive since January. She gave an update on their participant numbers and the grandpad program. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the adult daycare is closed. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the COVID cases.

Cherokee Nation Home Health &
Cherokee Nation Hospice - April Moore

Ms. Kristin Crawford offered to answer questions from the report for Ms. Moore. Chair Shaw requested clarification on the referral process. She inquired if the services are economically based.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:22 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>Wayne Coldwell</i>
<i>Shannon Buhl</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tim Brown</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>
<i>Thelma Pittman</i>	<i>Kristin Crawford</i>	