



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, February 18, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Duncan requested to be a member of this committee.

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the January minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported on the government shutdown and the effects at Claremore.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. He reported in order to obtain certifications and licenses prior to July 1st they have given the new facility at Hastings a generic name of The Cherokee Nation Outpatient Center at Tahlequah. He commented he has responded by email to all of the questions from last month. Dr. Jones provided follow-up on a transit issue in the Vinita area. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about disposal of used diabetic needles. Councilor Crittenden inquired about emergency room staffing during the flu season. He also inquired about the cleanliness of the toys in the emergency room waiting room. Councilor Crittenden inquired if Elder

Care falls under Health. Mr. Todd Enlow stated PACE has its own board and is not organized under our Health Department or Human Services. Thelma Pittman is the current contact person for PACE. Questions were asked if they are Cherokee Nation employees. Chair Shaw inquired who the acting director or director is at this time for PACE. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about conflict of interest. Councilor Lay requested further clarification on the employees of PACE and help with Hospice. Chair Shaw suggested PACE, Home Health and Hospice all report quarterly to this committee. Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Shaw inquired about the refills at Muskogee versus Hastings. She requested a breakdown of the top five diagnosis from Muskogee and Hastings. She requested the urgent care hours be posted both inside and outside the facility. She inquired about the plan to staff the new clinic. Clarification was requested if physicians would work both at Hastings hospital and the outpatient facility. Chair Shaw inquired if we have a recruitment staff or use outside agencies. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the new PACE director has a TERO certified company would it be a conflict to use that company. Councilor Austin requested an update on the move of our contract health services in Claremore.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [19-011](#) DISCUSSION ONLY - NAMING THE NEW CLINIC AT W. W. HASTINGS HOSPITAL

Councilor Dobbins provided a copy of the Naming of Buildings and Facilities Act. He stated a temporary generic name has been created, The Cherokee Nation Outpatient Health Center of Tahlequah, and can be used up to one year. This temporary name is needed to get through the certification and licensing processes.

Councilor Crittenden made a motion to table the discussion indefinitely. The motion failed with the lack of a second.

Councilor Byrd agreed a generic temporary name is needed to get through the certification processes. He commented the Cherokee people should be included when the official name is determined and it should include the Cherokee language. Councilor Dobbins referenced the Act by stating the Executive Branch is able to provide a temporary generic name for ease of reference for use up to one year. Chair Shaw commented on the naming of the streets.

Presented

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:03 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Jones
Todd Enlow
Chad Hunter

Steve Carey
Chrissi Nimmo
Taryn King

David Gahn
Sean Rowley
Tom Elkins

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Teddye Snell

George Valliere