



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, February 10, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - David Walkingstick and Harley Buzzard

Late Arrival 1 - Jodie Fishinghawk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Byrd moved to approve the January 13, 2014 regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Battese reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. He provided answers to last month questions via email and offered to provide additional information if needed. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the MRI and the decrease in revenue. She also requested clarification on the CHS numbers in regard to Cherokee Nation citizens. She requested the Cherokee citizens be broken out separately on the report.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis gave the highlights from the report provided. She announced the ground breaking for the Wilma P. Mankiller expansion is scheduled for the 28th of February. Councilor Garvin inquired about diabetes prevention. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if we are fully staffed in the dental area. She also inquired about the behavioral health capacities and possible expansions. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the final hearing aide policy be provided. She inquired about these audiology services at Claremore. She requested information regarding the Palladium Company and the contract we have with them. Ms. Connie Donovan provided an overview of the Affordable Care Act and the changes. Councilor Lay inquired about the status of the electronic health records. Councilor Baker inquired if the hearing aides were available for Cherokees outside of the jurisdictional boundaries.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilor Cowan Watts commented she has legislation to propose and handouts with budget analysis.

Councilor Lay withdrew his agenda item.

Councilor Cowan Watts requested her proposed amendments be on the agenda next month for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-302](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REQUEST CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR CONNIE DAVIS INITIATE THIRD PARTY POST FACTO EXIT INTERVIEWS FOR DENTAL PROVIDERS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Councilor Cowan Watts commented this is to address ongoing issues of physicians leaving and the continued request for exit interviews. Ms. Davis commented the policy for exit interviews was with removed with the last Administration. They continue to send the exit interviews by mail. She stated they have been told as a department they aren't to do exit interviews that it is a Human Resources function. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report back next month on a plan of action.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:09 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Charles Grim</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>
<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Connie Donovan</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>
<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Kelly Battese</i>
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