



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, August 13, 2012

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Thornton gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 16th regular session minutes.
Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere announced they have hired a Chief Nurse Executive. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the contract health funding and how the process is working.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired in regard to the Health Care Law that has passed and the provision struck down by the Supreme Court for the expansion of medicaid. Councilor Keener inquired about the advisory committee being formed in regard to the health care law. Councilor Byrd requested this be a priority at the Intertribal meetings. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the phone refill systems, the brochure/video for

contract health, the development of a simpler contract health system, secondary insurances and concerns from employees being told not to speak to the Council regarding their concerns. Councilor Garvin gave appreciation for the assistance with the air conditioning at Three Rivers Clinic. Ms. Davis reported the Redbird clinic is up and running temporarily at the annex building. Chair Fullbright gave appreciation for the expedient measures taken to get the situation at the Redbird clinic resolved. Councilor Lay inquired about the contract health deferral system between Claremore and the Nation. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the surgery nurses schedules to provide some relief. Councilor Fishinghawk requested an update on the Wilma P and Jay Clinic expansions. She also requested by department a chart showing the number of providers currently there, the number vacant, and case load. Councilor Thornton requested a breakdown of 30-day prescription cost versus 60-day and 90-day. Councilor Hoskin Jr. requested clarification in if a person is denied contract health at Claremore that they would be automatically referred to Cherokee Nation contract health for the 5%. He also inquired if a patient would be notified if they were denied of the 5% contract health set aside. Councilor Glory- Jordan inquired if the housekeeping issues have been addressed at Hastings. Chair Fullbright inquired about the status of getting mammograms at Redbird clinic. She also inquired if any of the funds set aside for dentures, eyeglasses and hearing aids were being used for a second hearing aid.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-206](#) DISCUSSION - COMPARISON OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SALARIES

Chair Fullbright reminded everyone of the booklet of information provided a couple of months ago. Councilor Fishinghawk commented after the review of the information provided she requested a work group be formed. Chair Fullbright requested those interested in being on the work group contact her and then a meeting date would be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

- [12-102](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO ASSUME MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION AND OVERSIGHT OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH AGENCY AND HOSPICE OF THE CHEROKEES

Councilor Lay moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilors Thornton, Hargis, Hoskin Jr., Snell, Fishinghawk, Byrd, Walkingstick and Garvin requested to be added as sponsors. After some questions and concerns were discussed the motion to approve carried with Councilor Frailey opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:04 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Connie Davis
Dianna Turtle

Jeff Sanders
Dr. Roger Montgomery

Bret Hayes

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold
Raymond Vann
Larry Horn

George Valliere
Farrell Prater
Yvonne Garvin Blevins

Ollie Starr
Patricia Carpenter