



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, August 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Late Arrival 2 - Wanda Hatfield and Keith Austin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the July 15th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave highlights and some updates from the report. Councilor Taylor inquired if they are up \$1.5ml in collections. Councilor Austin commented on the emergency room renovations. Councilor Byrd inquired if they have neurosurgeons on staff or if those services are contracted to other facilities. Chair Shaw commented on the admissions being down and inquired about the number of beds within the facility.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. The Joint Venture building has equipment being installed, there have been approximately one hundred hires so far and the MRI machine has been delivered. He announced the Council orientation of the Health Department will be in two sessions which will include a tour of the new

outpatient facility. He encouraged all Councilors to attend. Councilor Vazquez requested clarification on "super users" referred to in the report. Councilor Lay inquired if the MRI machine would be placed in the outpatient facility and the hours of operation. He requested clarification on the newly acquired position of Ms. Martha Ketcher. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the operating hours of the outpatient clinic. He requested clarification of differences between the outpatient clinic and in current facility at Hastings. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if the MRIs are read on site or if they are out sourced. Councilor Crittenden requested information on elective procedures for contract health. He inquired about recommendations to patients from doctor referrals that aren't provided or followed. The status of the Stilwell Clinic renovation was requested. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the search for a director at the Jay Clinic. He voiced concern for the length of time it takes to get a behavioral health appointment at the Jay Clinic. Councilor Buzzard suggested a canopy in the front of the Jay Clinic. Chair Shaw inquired about a power outage on August 9th at the Three Rivers clinic, were patients still seen and if so how were those visits documented. She inquired if we refer EGDs to Northeastern Health System and if there were any of our patients involved in the breach of procedure of inspecting the scopes. She voiced concern for the length of time it takes to get hearing aids. Is contract health compatible with Serner. She reminded of her past request for a more patient friendly and more informative website for health. She requested an update on the opioid epidemic and the locations of the rehab centers. Councilor Lay inquired about the length of usage time and cost for Serner.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dobbins provided an update from the new dental patient schedule work group.

ADJOURNMENT

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

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Nikki Limore</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Steve Carey</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>
<i>Tralynna Scott</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Wes Nofire</i>

