



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE - PUBLIC HEALTH

Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Tuesday, December 18, 2018

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present 11 - Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; Harley Buzzard; Rex Jordan; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Bryan Warner and Wanda Hatfield

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Shambaugh was present but not part of this committee.

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REPORTS:

Dr. Roger Montgomery reported in the absence of Dr. Gahn and Ms. Pivec. Dr. Montgomery gave an update on the CDC study on the life expectancy in Stilwell. He offered to answer any other questions or concerns. Councilor Warner commented with us being the only tribal public health accredited in the nation he suggested a public health code and wondered if it has been considered. Councilor Anglen inquired why the Nowata clinic doesn't have a full time medical director. Councilor Taylor inquired about the upcoming flu season. Councilor Shaw inquired about being allergic to the flu vaccine and if there are age restrictions for the flu vaccine. Chair Dobbins inquired if there is a different potency vaccine for senior citizens. Councilor Vazquez inquired about a pneumonia vaccine. Chair Dobbins requested an update on the public health's effort in the opioid epidemic. Dr. Montgomery gave an overview of the new laws and rules regarding opioid prescriptions. Councilor Shaw inquired if our electronic health records system has the capacity to store the opioid related documents. She inquired if there is drug testing required, if the new law and regulations affect cancer patients. She inquired if a cancer patient is eligible to sign up for hospice. Councilor Smith inquired about the percentage of opioids given now versus before the law.

Councilor Hatfield inquired if we have an acute or chronic pain management specialist. Chair Dobbins inquired if there has been an effect in doctor shopping. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if there is a tracking system for doctors to see if patients are getting opioids elsewhere.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:40 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Taylor Edwards</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>
<i>John Young</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>

VISITORS PRESENT: