



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Monday, February 10, 2025

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell ; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

Absent 1 - Joe Deere

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Poindexter moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

No one was present to report.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report including the transition of moving into the new facility. They will be bringing in a prefab building for physical and occupational therapy in Nowata. He provided an update on the Claremore facility transition including the early buy-out and early retirements offered. They are working to expand the audiology services. They will have two mobile dental units that will focus on sealants and fluoride treatments at the schools. A new pediatric neurologist will be on staff soon. They received the Baldrige Quality Award. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison inquired if any of the Sooner

Care changes effected the third party revenue. Councilor Callison inquired if the public has been educated on the changes at the Claremore Indian Hospital. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if they know which departments are in which phase for the move to the new hospital. She inquired about if they were able to reach agreements with contract negotiations for retirement and retention. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired about the eligibility requirements for the denture program. Chair Dobbins inquired if the dentures are made in-house. Councilor Smith inquired about the opening of the behavioral health facility.

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Captain Murray reported on the increase in the emergency room visits due to flu and cold season. He gave an update on the remodel of the x-ray room. He offered to answer questions from the report.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Kim Chuculate provided a copy of the 2025 Wings race schedule then offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Poindexter inquired how the public schools get involved in the summer EBT program. Councilor McGeady inquired if there have been any new runs added and how to get a race sanctioned.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dobbins announced a new medical school will be opening on August 1st in Bentonville, Arkansas.

ADJOURNMENT

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

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>
<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Kim Chuculate</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Carl Murray</i>
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