



# 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, August 11, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Co-Chair Lay called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution regarding a joint venture construction program. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Kelly Battiste reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. He gave a few highlights from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the CHS for the Cherokee Nation comparison no longer being a part of the report. She requested an update on the MRI and the approximate average daily capacity. She also inquired about the Marshal Service doing the drive by security checks. Councilor Thornton*

*inquired of the referrals in the last six months how many are Cherokee.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan requested a toe in toe out report for the emergency room and urgent care at Hastings for the next few months. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the behavioral health wait list at Claremore. She also asked for an update on the PACE program and the changes taking place with the board. She inquired which projects the joint venture could be used on if acquired. Councilor Lay requested an update on the electronic health records project and the dialysis center in Sallisaw. Councilor Thornton inquired about the staffing for the new hospital. He inquired about the changes to contract health when the new hospital and clinics all open. He requested a follow-up on the report from Camden. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a policy for home visits and patient transports. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on the immunizations listed in the report. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the referrals reported on page 20. He also inquired about the equipment for the new clinics. Councilor Keener inquired if we had purchased The Clinic in the Woods by Hastings. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the possibility of a working relationship between the Vinita Clinic and Craig General in regard to referrals. Chair Fullbright reminded everyone of the grand reopening of the newly remodeled Redbird Smith Clinic on Wednesday the 13th at 2:00 p.m.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

**14-076**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2014 IHS JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE TAHLEQUAH HOSPITAL

**Councilor Glory Jordan moved to approve and forward to the Council meeting this evening. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on how the joint venture works. She requested a copy of the plan for the staffing and equipment for all of the clinics and the hospital. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a timeline if the joint venture is received. The motion to approve carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:19 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Dr. Steve Jones  
Dr. Charles Grim*

*Connie Davis  
Bret Hayes*

*Elizabeth Odell  
Jeff Sanders*

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>
<i>Linda Donelson</i>	<i>Chief Bill John Baker</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Kelly Battiste</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>
<i>Tommy Hearn</i>		