



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, July 14, 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 17 - 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; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Tony Deckard reported on the collaboration with the Veterans Center for their 3rd annual event to assist veterans with claims and provide medical assistance. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison requested clarification on the decreased numbers for third party revenue. Chair Dobbins inquired about the in-patient average, number of beds in the facility, and how they staff for the variance of in-patients.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report including construction projects. He provided an update on the employment offers for Claremore and how the process works. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Patzkowski inquired as to the

number of applications received for the Claremore positions. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls inquired if native preference was used for the Claremore applicants. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about a work group to expand dialysis centers for citizens.

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

Ms. Kim Chuculate reported in the absence of Ms. Pivec. Ms. Chuculate reported on Wings Events, the Farmers' Markets, and the tobacco cessation event. She offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dobbins announced the ribbon cutting for the new NSU Optometry School is scheduled for the 29th at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tehee moved to adjourn. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:21 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Tony Deckard</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>
<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Kim Chuculate</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>
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