



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, September 16, 2013

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker and Joe Byrd

**Late Arrival** 2 - Cara Cowan Watts and Curtis Snell

### CONFIRMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Councilor Baker moved to accept Councilors Harley Buzzard and Janees Taylor as members of this committee. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the August 12, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report provided as well as an update on the MRI situation. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the warranty on the MRI machine. Councilor Keener gave congratulations on the Diabetic Award.*

## 2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis announced several of our clinics have been chosen by the Indian Health Service to be recognized for their due diligence in the vaccinations and health care of our employees. She provided updates on the Hastings Emergency Room, the colonoscopy wait list has been eliminated, additional funding will be received for the PACE program in certain zip codes, an update was given on the Home Health and Hospice program funding. She reported Mr. Hulbert, from Access to Health, discovered forty-one providers without their Medicare part B number. This among his other services equates to a 12-86% improvement in access for our patients and the opportunity to bill for those services. The deed to Redbird Smith has been mailed to the Chief's office. She provided information about the transportation program in the report this month. Chair Fullbright inquired if there is a cancer coordinator. Councilor Lay requested an update on the outpatient services at Claremore. A lengthy discussion was held on the contract health dollars for Hastings and Claremore as well as the 5% dividend. Ms. Ami Sams provided a handout and gave an overview of the expenditures of I.H.S. funds, including an over expenditure of I.H.S. funds. Councilor Buzzard requested Mr. Valliere provide a report showing the number of Cherokees getting referrals from Claremore. Councilor Fishinghawk requested Mr. Bret Hayes provide a year to date chart for the deferred patients. Councilor Fishinghawk requested clarification from Ms. Sams on the funding amounts on the substance abuse treatment. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired if most of these issues would be resolved once we take over the out patients contract health at Claremore. Chair Fullbright requested an update on the ninety-day prescription program beginning the first of October.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-254](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE 5% SET ASIDE PER LA-25-11

**Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:52 p.m.**

## STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>
<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Anna Knight</i>	<i>Lacy Horn</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Chief Bill John Baker</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Farrell Prater  
Senator Hulbert*

*George Valliere*

*Lisa Long*