



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, October 15, 2012

2:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr.; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 7 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr.; Meredith Frailey; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve the September 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution in support of the Health Capital Improvement act, a resolution confirming the nomination of Elmer Tadpole to the Comprehensive Care Agency Board, a resolution confirming the nomination of Dr. Roger Montgomery to the Comprehensive Care Agency Board, a resolution confirming the nomination of Dr. Roger Montgomery to the Home Health Services Board, and a resolution confirming the nomination of Elmer Tadpole to the Home Health Services Board. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Ms. Vickie Shell reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. She gave an overview of the report provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired about the referral process. Chair Fullbright inquired about the possibility of the facilities all having the same chart number for a patient.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis provided a handout of responses to the questions asked last month. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if the Affordable Care Act would have funds available to assist with the electronic health records issue. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the financial impact to the Cherokee Nation Health Services if the Obama Care Act was repealed. Chair Fullbright requested the strategic health plan be emailed to all Council members. Ms. Davis gave a brief overview of the strategic health plan.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-206](#) DISCUSSION - COMPARISON OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SALARIES

Councilor Fishinghawk reported this was discussed in the work group meeting and requested it remain on the agenda for another month. She moved to table.

Chair Fullbright announced this would be tabled for a month.

2. [TMP-220](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PACE CENTER

Councilor Glory- Jordan withdrew this item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-227](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO A HEALTH MASTER PLAN FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATING TO OPERATIONAL BEST PRACTICES REVIEW AS WELL AS A CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE LONG TERM PLAN

Chair Fullbright withdrew this item.

2. [12-102](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO ASSUME MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION AND OVERSIGHT OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH AGENCY AND HOSPICE OF THE CHEROKEES

Councilor Glory-Jordan stated some issues have developed with our medicare number and until those are worked out she would like to table or withdraw this item.

Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to amend the agenda for discussion only on PACE, Hospice, Home Health and all Tahlequah partnerships. Councilor Keener seconded the motion.

Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to withdraw the resolution. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AMEND THE AGENDA

After discussion was held in regard to Councilor Cowan Watts motion to amend the agenda it failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 5 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

Nay: 11 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Chair Fullbright commented time would be set for this topic on the next Health Committee meeting. After discussion and options were discussed Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to have the next Health committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Conference Room. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. [12-138](#)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACT

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve and requested to be added as a sponsor. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. Councilor Glory- Jordan gave an overview of the resolution. Councilor Fishinghawk offered a friendly amendment to add "and the Tribal Council" following Chief Baker in the last Whereas. The friendly amendment was accepted. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Cowan Watts offered a friendly amendment to be more specific in regard to the number of beds at Hastings. It was not accepted. After additional discussion was held Councilor Byrd called for the question.

The motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight carried.

4. [12-134](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ELMER TADPOLE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. Ms. Davis commented Mr. Tadpole had a conflict in scheduling and is unable to attend today but will be present at the Council Meeting tonight. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

The motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight carried.

5. [12-135](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. ROGER MONTGOMERY AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION COMPREHENSIVE CARE AGENCY (PACE)

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

The motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight carried.

6. [12-137](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DR. ROGER MONTGOMERY AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

The motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight carried.

7. [12-136](#)

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ELMER TADPOLE AS A GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OF THE CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INCORPORATED

Councilor Hoskin Jr. moved to approve. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. All Councilors requested to be added as sponsors.

The motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting tonight carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fullbright announced the next committee meeting would be held at 10:00 a.m. on November 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Byrd moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 3:19 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Amy Sams</i>
<i>Doug Evans</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Elizabeth O'Dell</i>
<i>Nason Morton</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Barry Hood</i>
<i>Rick Gassaway</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Vicki Snell</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Flo Guthrie</i>