



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 12, 2013

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

- Present** 15 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Joe Byrd
- Absent** 2 - Meredith Frailey and Frankie Hargis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 15, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere introduced the Chief Medical Officer for the Oklahoma Area, Dr. John Farris. He provided an overview of the report provided. In a follow up from a question asked last month he reported they have had fifteen physicians leave the Claremore facility in 2013.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis provided a handout pertaining to the Health I.T. Department being recognized as one of the best in the Nation. She announced they will have a health retreat this Friday, August 16th from 9:00 to 2:00 at the Hard Rock Resort and invited the Council to attend. The Jack Brown Treatment Center has been recognized as the agency of the year at a youth conference sponsored by OU. She provided an update

on the construction projects. She provided an update on provider vacancies. The PACE Center has celebrated its 5th anniversary and currently has 123 patients. She provided a status update on the electronic records. She provided a handout regarding the 90 prescription revenue. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the feasibility study at Hastings. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the completion date of the new Jack Brown Center. She also inquired how Rogers and Tulsa County Cherokees would access the Palladian care. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if we are losing providers. She inquired if they are still continuing to work on compacting contract service health dollars at Claremore Indian Hospital and if it was only outpatient. Councilor Keener inquired about expanding the facility for the surgery-tech program. Councilor Lay inquired about the contract health care cost at Claremore versus Hastings. Ms. Ami Sams provided some clarification to the questions regarding the contract health care cost.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [13-091](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF CERTAIN RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM THE CHEROKEE NATION EMS TO BELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Councilor Glory-Jordan moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. [13-092](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF NATIVE CENTER FOR HEALTH RESEARCH (NARCH-8)
Councilor Cowan Watts moved to approve. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if the hand out version with the redline changes is the one being moved for approval. Councilor Cowan Watts offered some grammatical changes. Councilors Anglen, Cowan Watts, Glory-Jordan, Garvin, Keener, Lay, Walkingstick, Byrd and Hoskin requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Hoskin Jr. offered a friendly amendment to accept all of the grammatical changes and the redline changes.
The motion to approve as amended carried along with the request to forward to Full Council this evening.

3. [TMP-276](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STATUS UPDATE ON THE NINETY DAY PRESCRIPTION REFILL POLICY
Chair Fullbright commented the Act passed stated this would be implemented by October 1st, she inquired as to the status of the implementation. Ms. Davis commented she hasn't received any feedback from the Council on the preliminary policy emailed last month. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested it be re-sent. Councilor Lay requested a status report from Dr. Farris. Chair Fullbright requested clarification on the re-opening date of the original Red Bird Smith building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Glory-Jordan provided a copy of the exemption form for the Council drug testing policy. She announced Councilor Hargis is stabilized and they are running tests.

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 2:05 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grimm</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Dr. John Farris</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Charles Dry</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>	<i>Cheryl Brown</i>
<i>Patricia Carpenter</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Harley Buzzard</i>
<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>		