



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Monday, September 14, 2020

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 16 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg and Dora Patzkowski

Late Arrival 1 - Wes Nofire

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the August minutes as submitted.
Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere wasn't present to report. Councilors requested another invitation be extended to him to report remotely.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Jones gave an update on the report provided. Councilor Byrd inquired about administering the COVID-19 vaccine once available. Chair Shaw inquired if we would have to purchase the vaccine. Councilor Deere inquired about getting a modular building for the health clinic at Hard Rock so that it is open faster for the vaccines. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification on the drive thru testing. Councilor

Buzzard referenced several items of concern from the report: third party billing is lower, the left without being seen is up a lot since May, and dental is down. He inquired about the request for veteran and expecting mother signage at Hastings. He also inquired if they were gearing up for the possible influx of newborns that are anticipated. Councilor Nofire requested a list of elective surgeries that are currently not being performed. Chair Shaw inquired when they would resume a normal patient load, she also requested clarification on the top diagnosis at Hastings.

PACE - Thelma Pittman

Ms. Pittman reported on the highlights from the report submitted. Ms. Connie Davis gave a COVID update for the PACE facility. They are calling patients twice a week as the center remains closed. Chair Shaw inquired about the flu vaccine.

Cherokee Nation Home Health &
Cherokee Nation Hospice - April Moore

Ms. Moore gave an overview of the report provided. She reported on August 31st they had ten patients test positive for COVID, with one current active case. No employees have tested positive. She gave appreciation for being included in the hazard pay. She offered to answer questions from the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dobbins announced a Public Health Sub meeting will be held on September 24th.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Austin moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:53 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow

Remote:

*Steve Jones Chrissi Nimmo April Moore
Thelma Pittman Connie Davis Sohail Kahn
Chuck Hoskin Jr.*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown Teddye Snell

