



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, July 14, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and Don Garvin

Late Arrival 2 - Julia Coates and David Thornton, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the June 16th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Kelly Battiste reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. Mr. Battiste gave an overview of the report provided. He stated today is officially the first day for the MRI to be open to patients. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Taylor inquired about the patients being up but the revenue being down. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the status of the MRI back log and the remedy for the ICU issue. Councilor Buzzard inquired about Orthopedics being closed. A report was requested showing the number of ICU patients transferred out and where sent while during the temporary shutdown.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Dr. Grim reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. He gave an overview of the report, a vacancy update and a status update of the assumption of the contract health services at Claremore Indian Hospital. He provided a report showing updates on the clinic and hospital construction projects. He gave an update on the Affordable Care Act and the status of our new electronic medical records. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Lay inquired if the Ochelata Clinic is included in the FY2015 budget process. Treasurer Lacey Horn provided clarification and an overview of the process. Dr. Grim stated they are going to seek direct contract support cost to accommodate some of those issues. Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. also provided some insight on a possible solution for the funding. Councilor Lay voiced concern for the length of time it takes to obtain an appointment at the Nowata and Bartlesville clinics. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a more detailed report next month regarding vacancies. She inquired about the behavioral health provider at Claremore Indian Hospital and requested a report of the status. She referred to an article in the Journal of Oklahoma State Medical Association regarding cancer and American Indians. She requested a follow up on the issue and what steps we are taking. She also inquired about the ninety day prescription program and requested a review showing original predictions versus actuals. She requested clarification on several report items. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the dental staff reviews and raises then requested a report be provided. She raised concern for member of Health Administration on the Comprehensive Care Health Board. She inquired who is currently sitting on the PACE board, what is the complaint process for PACE and requested a copy of agreement or Act that created PACE. Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Odell provided some clarification. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the changes with PACE. Councilor Buzzard commented the Jay Clinic is in the same situation as Ochelata. Councilor Baker inquired if replacement surgeries being done at Hastings instead of Tahlequah City Hospital would At Large qualify for those procedures through contract health as they did before. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the staffing trend report show prior years also. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the cost of a surgery suite.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-064](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION

Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to approve and forward to the Council meeting this evening. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.

The motion carried at 2:33 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Charles Grim
Brian Hail
Lacey Horn
David Pruitt

Elizabeth Odell
Jeff Sanders
Barbara Foreman
Bruce Davis

Dr. Steve Jones
Dr. Roger Montgomery
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Canaan Duncan

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold

Kelly Battiste

Lisa Long