



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Health Committee

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Conner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; Audra Smoke-Conner; S. Joe Crittenden; Jackie Bob Martin; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; John F. Keener; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen and Jack D. Baker

Absent 1 - Meredith Frailey

Late Arrival 3 - Phyllis Yargee; Melvina Shotpouch and Taylor Keen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15th regular session. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to add as item #1 under new business, a resolution approving and authorizing the submittal of a request to the Indian Health Service to participate in the 2007 IHS joint venture construction program agreement for construction and operation of the Vinita Health Care Facility. Councilor Yargee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit:

Jim Cussen

Jim Cussen reported they have two (2) Lawton physicians rotating on TDY to fill their OBGYN vacancies since their deliveries are being outsourced to the Comanche Memorial Hospital in Lawton. They have identified and approved twenty-seven (27) CHEF cases for FY07 totaling \$500,000 for reimbursement. All dental work stations have been wired and configured for EHR and electronic order of medications utilizing EHR is planned. The occupancy rate is at 38%. PCC data entry is backlogged twelve (12) days. Third party collections are a total of \$1,227,955. 39 for the year. The percentage of account receivables is at 2%. They are getting ready for implementation of the UFMS, a new financial system. Mr. Cussen held IHS 101 training sessions throughout the month of May in order to comply with a portion of the Succession Planning requirements. The Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service will be sponsoring a "3 Initiatives Integration" forum on June 21, 2007 at the Moore-Norman Technology Center. The Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service Area Director's Awards Ceremony will be conducted on July 26, 2007, to honor Indian Health Service, tribal, and urban employees from across the

Oklahoma City Area. It will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum at the Sam Noble Special events ballroom located at 1700 N.E. 63rd street in Oklahoma City. The housekeeping project is completed and they have moved the housekeeping operation into their new space. The dock leveler has been delivered, installed and is in operation.

Hastings Indian Medical Center:

Ed McLemore

Ed McLemore reported for the year ending May 1st funds available are \$2 million dollars and they are projecting \$2.7 million should everything hold steady for the collections. March 25, 2007, Toni Potts, WWH Clinical Applications Coordinator was designated as the Acting Oklahoma Area CAC by the Oklahoma Area Office. Toni will assist the other twelve Oklahoma facilities during their electronic health record implementation and serve as area support for the EHR program. They hosted a health fair on June 9, 2007. There will be mandatory training for Indian Health Service for the seven (7) core principle modules and all staff will be required to complete these modules no later than July 31st. A blood drive was held March 23rd and there were 39 units collected. The Annual Employee Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, June 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the west side of hospital in the parking area. October 15, 2007 W.W. Hastings will transition to UFMS as part of the Indian Health Service wide UFMS rollout. UFMS (Unified Financial Management System) is a business management tool that will provide relevant, reliable and timely information to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of financial, business and operational functions. The Secretary established the UFMS program to achieve "greater economies of scale, eliminate duplication, and provide better service delivery."

Cherokee Nation Health Services:

Melissa Gower

Melissa Gower reported Cherokee Health Partners performed 116 procedures for an estimated net gain of \$14,000 in the month of May. They continue development on the PACE program and they have hired a Medical Director that will begin work on July 9th. They continue to work with Cherokee Nation Businesses on health business development ideas. They have started a transition plan, implementation meeting for Muskogee and Nowata. She gave an update on the Sallisaw, Nowata, and the Muskogee projects. They have completed the cost estimates for the Salina Dental addition and the new Jack Brown Center and have forwarded those to be included in the Cherokee Nation Capital Improvement Plan. They have been working with Choctaw Nation on different health issues and have built a collaborative effort to work on a relationship with Sparks Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. For the month of May they imaged over 200,000 documents. They have submitted their FY 2008 budget request including their revenue projections to the finance office. The Electronic Health Record project is moving forward nicely. They celebrated National Nurses and Women's Health week. They are continuing on the implementation of their Chronic Care initiative. They met with Arizona School of Dentistry to set up some clinical rotations for them and to get more rotations for our facilities. She gave a vacancy update on the Sallisaw, Stilwell, and Muskogee facilities. A job fair was held at Muskogee on May 17th with approximately 500 to 600 applicants. Contract Health had 2620 referrals with 2415 being approved for \$93.7 million and 205 referrals have been denied.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2007 IHS JOINT VENTURE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE VINITA HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Councilor Bill John Baker moved for the approval. Councilor Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next months meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 17th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Garvin moved for adjournment. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Melissa Gower Tammy Marshal Tom Elkins
Ida Webber*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Ed McLemore Jim Cussen Keith Barrick
Mitch Thornbrugh Raymond Vann Dr. Mobley
Charles Dry*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____