



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Thursday, February 23, 2012

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

This meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, February 13th.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and Cara Cowan Watts

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jack D. Baker moved to approve the January 16th regular session minutes. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an update of the report provided. He provided a handout of denials by county. Councilor Lay requested an update on the MRI situation. Councilor Hoskin Jr. inquired if notice of denial could automatically be given to Cherokee Nation Contract Health so the appeal process could begin instead of waiting for the patient to start the process.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Both Jeff Sanders and Bret Hayes answered questions presented regarding contract health and pharmacy. Councilor Cowan Watts voiced several questions in regard to

draft CHS policy. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired who the Health Care Partners are, what agreements we have with them, and requested their presence at the meeting next month. Chair Fullbright voiced concern for different clinics having different pharmacy refill systems. She voiced concern for the elderly having difficulty keying in all of the numbers on the phone. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested consideration be given to ninety day refills for the non-insured and those who have insurance that allow ninety day refills and do thirty day refills for all others. Mr. Sanders stated they are currently reviewing a ninety day refill for elderly aged sixty-five and over however this would result in an approximate \$3.4ml loss. He offered to provide information regarding the pros and cons of ninety day refills. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested calculations be given for ninety day refills for everyone fifty-five and over. Mr. Sanders reported the same insurance companies that will afford a private sector a ninety day supply will not afford us the same option to Indian Health Service. Councilor Fishinghawk stated she received eighteen complaints yesterday on drop in doctors at Stilwell.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [11-136](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC. LIFE CARE PROGRAM FOR THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Councilor Frailey moved to approve. Councilor Fishinghawk seconded the motion. Councilor Walkingstick moved to table. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion to table carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 14 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; 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 Frankie Hargis

Nay: 1 - Meredith Frailey

Not In Room: 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and Joe Byrd

2. [11-137](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR NON-FUNDED AND UNDER-FUNDED HOME CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHEROKEE CITIZENS BY CHEROKEE NATION HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Councilor Frailey moved to approve. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. After discussion and numerous questions Mr. Evans gave an overview of the report he was asked to provide. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested a break to allow Attorney General Hembree to ask Mr. Richards a few questions. Chair Fullbright called for a five minute recess. Chair Fullbright called the meeting back to order at 11:34 a.m.

After additional questions and concerns were voiced Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table for one month. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following vote.

Yea: 8 - Buel Anglen; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr. and Cara Cowan Watts

Nay: 9 - Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Councilor Glory-Jordan called for the question. The motion to approve failed with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 5 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Janelle Fullbright and Lee Keener Jr.

Nay: 12 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Chuck Hoskin Jr. ; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:53 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Doug Evans
Rick Richards
Todd Hembree*

*Lacey Horn
Jeff Sanders
Diane Kelley*

*Londa Cox
Bret Hayes*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*George Valliere
Ruth Ann Weaver*

Raymond Vann

Ollie Starr