



# 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, March 10, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr.; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Thornton moved to approve the February 10, 2014 regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report provided. They will begin training on the MRI April 15th. They have just completed training on a barcode medication administration program for inpatients. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the third party revenue. Councilor Buzzard requested an explanation of the contract health numbers provided in the report. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the Affordable Care Act outreach status.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis gave highlights of the report provided. As requested by Councilor Cowan Watts she provided an update on the Affordable Care Act. She announced they are in the process of making a selection for the electronic health records she requested*

*Mr. Mitch Thornbrugh provided an update of their progress. Councilor Buzzard inquired about adding staff to the behavioral health department. He inquired if the staff had been included in the design of the new clinics and hospital expansion. He inquired as to why someone wouldn't enroll in the ACA. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about providing valet parking for the elders and handicapped at the clinics and hospital. Councilor Cowan Watts suggested telling the positive opportunities of the ACA in the Phoenix. She inquired about the dental staffing. She inquired about the implementation of changes to the behavioral health plan. Councilor Cowan Watts requested clarification on the contract health and the 5% set aside. Councilor Lay inquired if the new electronic health records system would clear up a lot of the questions asked during these meetings. Councilor Glory Jordan suggested specifying the second row of parking at Hastings for elders.*

*Dr. Steve Jones provided a report by presentation of the dental program including the budget, their modeling after private practice rather than IHS, community dentistry, their diabetic program and working with contract health in regard to the 5%. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about crowns. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired about the increase in income guidelines, going to the schools and the dental billing. Dr. Jones gave an overview of their billing through graphs. The graphs were requested by email. Councilor Buzzard asked about the process for the denture program. Councilor Lay inquired if we already had the Dentrax Program. Councilor Fishinghawk gave a hand to Mr. Jones for the job he has done and gave an overview of the numbers within the dental program. She commented this would be a great story for the Phoenix. Dr. Jones introduced Dr. Speed is over the Community Program and Dr. Andrews who is the Clinic Director at Muskogee and has had the biggest turn around.*

## OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-302](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: REQUEST CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR CONNIE DAVIS INITIATE THIRD PARTY POST FACTO EXIT INTERVIEWS FOR DENTAL PROVIDERS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Councilor Cowan Watts withdrew this item.**

**Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the 5% set aside amendments legislation she had requested last month to be on the agenda this month. She requested it be placed on the next month's agenda.**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-027](#) A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PRINCIPAL CHIEF AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TO COMPACT CLAREMORE INDIAN HOSPITAL FOR CHEROKEE NATION TO TAKE OVER THE HOSPITAL, DIRECTING CNB TO PROVIDE MONEY TO BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL WITH ADDED CLINIC SPACE

*Councilor Taylor moved to approve. Councilor Lay seconded the motion. Councilor Cowan Watts called point of order as she is the sponsor in inquired about getting the floor first. Councilor Glory Jordan made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.*

**The motion to table indefinitely carried with the following roll call vote:**

- Yea:** 9 - Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez
- Nay:** 8 - Julia Coates; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin and Jack D. Baker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Fullbright announced the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday April 14th at 1:00 p.m.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:31 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>
<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>
<i>Dr. Speed</i>	<i>Dr. Andrews</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>
<i>Mitch Thornbrugh</i>	<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Dr. Neil Morton</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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