



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Monday, December 11, 2023

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting together at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr. and Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported the Joint Commission spent last week there, their three year survey was completed. They provided information on HIV for World HIV Day. The Commission Corp delivered almost 400 pounds of clothing from the hospital to the Veterans Center. Their Annual Employee Awards Ceremony will be held tomorrow night. All of the operating rooms are back open. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the good experience at the hospital.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones inquired if the Council is receiving the newsletter. He announced Roy Ward is the New Medical Director and four of their nurses have been nominated for Nurse of

the Year. He reported on the Stroke Program. An update was given on the construction at the new hospital and the Salina Clinic. He announced they are close to finishing the FY2023 numbers including patient visits. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the newsletter is by mail or email. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls reported members of her family receiving suburb care while staying in the hospital recently. Councilor Hall inquired about getting a C-pap machine for a patient. Councilor Deere gave appreciation to Brian Hail. Chair Dobbins requested clarification on the staffing changes.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided. She offered to answer questions. Councilor Poindexter commented the resource guide was very informative and inquired about getting additional copies. Councilor Blackfox-Qualls commented on the Ugly Sweater 5k.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:15 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lisa Pivec</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>
<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Carl Murray</i>
<i>George Valliere</i>		