



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, July 16, 2012

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Snell gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts and Frankie Hargis

Absent 1 - Meredith Frailey

Late Arrival 5 - Jack D. Baker; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Thornton moved to approve the June 11th regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an overview of his report and offered to answer questions. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired how the new contract health service is working for Cherokee Nation citizens.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if there are any issues on the contract health services special dividend and airplane monies. Ms. Davis commented she would provide a more detailed report next month showing who is being served, the denials, and issues. She

announced they are in the process of developing a brochure to walk people through the contract health process. They will also develop a video to do the same and may have Council input to review prior to it being used publically. Councilor Keener inquired about the Wings program. Councilor Baker commented he received a complaint on the phone refill system. Ms. Davis commented they are working to designate someone to each clinic to call each elder about their refills. Councilor Hargis inquired about the status of her inquiry of out of pocket cost for people with vision insurance being more than those with no insurance. Ms. Davis introduced our new Medical Director at Hastings, Dr. Roger Montgomery and the CEO at Hastings, Brian Hale. Councilor Thornton requested clarification on contract health in regard to how insurance and non-insurance are treated. Councilor Byrd inquired about the capacity at Hastings and if the clinics have provided any relief to Hastings. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a copy of the policies on approvals for contract health. Councilor Walkingstick voiced concern for the surgery nurses schedules. Councilor Thornton inquired about the status of the 45 acre Burchette property purchased next to Hastings. Councilor Lay inquired if they keep track of the deferrals in contract health. Councilor Garvin requested they use an alternate word for "denied" as it seems final. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested the Cherokee Health Partners be included as part of the report on a monthly basis but for next month an indepth report showing financials, who served, board members and how they are structured.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-206](#) DISCUSSION - COMPARISON OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SALARIES

Councilor Hargis announced Councilor Fishinghawk has requested this item be tabled for one month.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12-089](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) FOR FUNDING TO DEVELOP AND BUILD CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT INTERVENTIONS

Councilor Lay moved to approve and forward to Council tonight. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as a sponsor. The motion to approve carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Lay asked Ms. Connie Davis to provide an update on Home Health. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested legislation be developed and placed on the agenda next month moving the Home Health Services, Hospice and the PACE Program under the Health Group.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried at 1:28 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Dianna Turtle</i>	<i>Dr. Douglas Nolan</i>
<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Brian Hale</i>	<i>Mitch Thornburgh</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Larry Horn</i>
<i>Charles Dry</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>
<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Ruth Ann Weaver</i>	