



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Health Committee

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cobb called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Soap gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Bill John Baker; Don Garvin; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Jack D. Baker; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Harley Buzzard; Chris Soap; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - S. Joe Crittenden and David Thornton Sr.

Late Arrival 2 - Janelle Fullbright and Curtis Snell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the April 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution donating optometry equipment to NSU optometry. Councilor Jack D. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere announced they eight additional CHEF cases to be sent in for reimbursement from IHS with several others pending. They have approximately 600 new or reactivated charts for the month. He stated if they maintain the current tract they will break the \$12ml mark in collections. They are anxiously waiting word on the stimulus package. The unofficial word is they will be receiving a CT machine.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Melissa Gower

Ms. Gower announced it is nurses' week and they have sent out cards to each and everyone showing appreciation. Dr. Gloria Grim gave an update on the Swine flu.

She announced the CDC has reported 3009 lab confirmed cases within 44 states and the District of Columbia. There are an additional 643 probable cases. She stated there are 20 confirmed cases in Oklahoma. She expressed hope this would bring awareness to how many deaths there are each year with the general flu and increase immunizations. She announced stations are set up throughout the complex and clinics with supplies of masks, hand sanitizer and Kleenex. They are providing pamphlets of information regarding the flu. Councilor Fishinghawk requested information regarding a program for surgeons being able to work for the tribe. Councilor Buzzard inquired why the rooms at Hastings were converted to private rooms. Dr. Grim stated for a number of reasons such as, patient privacy, family and most of all infection control. She stated the rooms can easily be converted back by wheeling in another bed. Councilor Bill John Baker compared the third party collections for the past few years and this year. He inquired when we would get over the bubble. Ms. Gower stated they met a couple of weeks ago where the billing staff had completed an assessment of 11,000 claims to be billed. They gave a 45 day time frame to catch up on the claims. Councilor Snell requested the number of patients with smoke related diseases in the clinics and the hospital. He further asked how much money it costs the Cherokee Nation to care for these patients.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF SURPLUS OPTOMETRY EQUIPMENT FROM CHEROKEE NATION TO NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Sponsors: Councilor Bill John Baker

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve. Councilor Coates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Garvin announced for Speaker Frailey a flyer for the Inter Tribal Council in Norman if anyone is interested.

Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired about moving this meeting to Mondays. Chair Cobb stated it could be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor Cowan Watts requested National Children's Study and Comparative Effectiveness Research be on the next agenda for an update.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Gloria Grim

Melissa Gower

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Charles Dry

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____