



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes

Health Committee

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

1:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crittenden called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Shotpouch gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Bill John Baker; S. Joe Crittenden; David Thornton Sr. ; Don Garvin; Linda Hughes-O'Leary; Melvina Shotpouch; Meredith Frailey; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen and Jack D. Baker

Absent 1 - Jackie Bob Martin

Late Arrival 4 - Audra Smoke-Conner; Phyllis Yargee; John F. Keener and Taylor Keen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Buel Anglen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12th regular session. Councilor Bill John Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit:

Jim Cussen

Jim Cussen reported the dental oral health program was awarded outstanding performance in clinical efficiency and Cathy Wamego received the area award for outstanding preventive activities for 2007. The Pharmacy PARATA system is scheduled for delivery in September. This system is an automated pill dispensing machine. Third party collections are up and they are on track to meet their projections. They had twenty-seven high cost CHEF cases they were able to push through. They are currently working on closing out prior year amounts and attempting to have all purchase orders processed before the cut-off date for UFMS. The Kickapoo Tribal radiology director and staff visited our site on 6/27/07 in order to see the digital radiology operation. The Joint Conference will be held in Oklahoma City on the July 24-25 and the awards ceremony will be conducted on July 26. The Claremore Service Unit will be hosting the JCC in the first quarter of next year. The OB Doctors are no longer rotating in their facility. The housekeeping project is complete.

Hastings Indian Medical Center:

Ed McLemore

Ed McLemore reported the financial status as of June 30 is \$2,051,223.23. There is a shortage of nurses and the demand of nurses is expected to outstrip the number coming out of nursing schools in the coming years. There is a lack of nurse educators in both

the classroom and on the hospital floor. Nurses who get a higher degree can make a lot more money nursing than they can teaching. The final inspection of the Diabetic/PT building was completed on June 28, 2007 and exercise equipment and furniture is being installed. The issue of storage space for the auxiliary has been taken care of at Hastings Medical Center expense.

Cherokee Nation Health Services:
Melissa Gower

Melissa Gower announced the Redbird Health Center grand opening is scheduled for July 25th at 12:00 p.m. The new medical director for PACE is on board and he housed in the Health Department until the PACE building is complete. She gave an update on the Nowata Clinic.

Councilor Thornton requested Melissa to check the cost of putting a dialysis machine at the Sallisaw clinic.

Melissa reported they continue discussion with Sparks Hospital on contracting with the Cherokee Nation. WIC income guidelines and increased effective July 1st which will increase participation in the WIC program. They held numerous screenings for diabetes during the month of June and have four coming up in July. Ten of the thirteen sessions have been completed in the diabetes screening program and nine participants have lost fifty pounds. The Wings program has 1425 members and they did six runs in the month of June. They currently have day camps going at the schools this summer. They have a kitchen creations class pilot they are doing in Sequoyah County scheduled for August. A tribal citizen, Marcella Morton from Westville was nominated by the Steps Program for and won the Healthy Hero Award which is a national award. They also reviewed a draft of Sequoyah High School's food policies in accordance with their nutritional guidelines for the 2008 school year. She attached in the committee packet a health policy update that gives an update on all policy and legislative issues they are following. Contract Health services for the month of June processed 2643 referrals for \$1.4 million dollars and approved 2648 for a total of \$1.1 million dollars. Revenue for three months is \$11.34 million dollars and the projected revenue was \$15.1 million. Melissa introduced Jimmie Summerlin, EMS Director of the Cherokee Nation EMS Program.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution Authorizing the donation of surplus equipment to the Welling, Oklahoma Fire Department

Councilor Yargee moved for the approval. Councilor O'Leary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next months meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Cowan Watts moved for adjournment. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Melissa Gower *Tammy Marshal* *Rick Kelley*
Dr. Gloria Grim *Jimmie Summerlin*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ed McLemore *Jim Cussen* *Keith Barrick*
Mitch Thornbrugh *Raymond Vann* *Dr. Mobley*

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Gayle Miller, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____