



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, February 12, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the January 16th minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere announced they have received new radiology equipment. They have extended their contract with the Chiropractor who visits twice a week. They have had a push to the weight limits in each department. He discussed the upcoming emergency room remodel. He touched on the orthopedic services issues. Councilor Buzzard requested the start date of when the orthopedic services renewal first began.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

Dr. Grim announced the President's budget was released today. They have been notified the funds have been identified for the Tahlequah joint venture project in the FY2019 budget. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification for the uses of the funds for the joint venture. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the MRI process. He asked about not

being able to get an optometry appointment at the Sam Hider Clinic until August. He also raised question about the staffing at the Jay Clinic. Dr. Grim provided an updated recruitment report. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the RVU for the nurse practitioner versus the doctors. He also inquired about providing services for veterans. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the bed shortages within behavioral health. He also inquired if there has been additional discussion regarding the sick leave issue. Councilor requested clarification on elective and cosmetic procedures. Councilor Lay requested the recruitment reports be provided earlier. He requested clarification on staffing at the Ochelata and Nowata clinics. Councilor Anglen inquired about the medical directors in the clinics within his area. Councilor Byrd commented on the President’s budget, the third party revenues and requested the staff at Hastings be commended for their efforts with combating the flu epidemic. Councilor Shambaugh requested clarification on the use of sick leave. He inquired if there is a back to work surgery program. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about how the RVU system works when sick leave is used. Councilor Buzzard inquired if there is a way to track the native Americans who are in the medical fields of education.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [TMP-362](#) HEALTH WORK GROUP STATUS REPORT

Presented by: Co-Chair Mike Dobbins

Chair Dobbins gave an update from the work group and their consensus to conduct an anonymous confidential survey to the providers. A copy of the survey was provided to the Council by mail.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [TMP-365](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - CHEROKEE NATION PROVIDER SURVEY

Chair Dobbins gave an overview of the survey in regard to the logistics of how it would be conducted and collected. He requested Dr. Gann and Dr. Comaford give a brief overview of their assistance with this survey. Councilor Lay inquired if the physicians who have left over the past year will also receive the survey. Councilor Taylor inquired if the survey would go to just providers or a full spectrum. Councilor Byrd inquired if any of the doctors who left have requested to come back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:05 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Jones	Charles Grim	Lisa Pivec
Elizabeth Odell	James Stallcup	Chrissi Nimmo
Canaan Duncan	Bret Hayes	Chuck Hoskin Jr.

<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Joe Crittenden</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>John Paden</i>	<i>Ethan Green</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Ginger Reeves</i>	<i>David Gann</i>
<i>Ashley Comaford</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Jami Murphy</i>
<i>Teddy Snell</i>		