



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, September 12, 2022

12:30 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 16 - Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Wes Nofire; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; Victoria Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

**Absent** 1 - Shawn Crittenden

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Callison moved to approve the minutes. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave highlights from the report and offered to answer questions. Councilor Callison inquired about the COVID booster. Chair Dobbins requested clarification on the number of dental assistants.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Mr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Deere inquired if they do health screening for the schools. He also inquired about a dental hygienist in Bartlesville. Councilor Kidwell requested an update on an At Large liaison.*

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

*Dr. Gahn provided an update from the report and offered to answer questions. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the mask mandates at Sequoyah High School. Councilor Callison inquired if the new COVID vaccine is specific to the last variant. He also inquired as to the medications given to current COVID patients. Chair Dobbins inquired about the construction on the new wellness centers. Councilor Tehee inquired if the location is known for the new Tahlequah wellness center.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [22-071](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH STUDY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE DIRECT CARE AND PURCHASED AND REFERRED CARE (CONTRACT HEALTH) CLAREMORE INDIAN HOSPITAL  
**Councilor Patzkowski moved to approve. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Councilors requesting to be added as sponsors.**

- 2. [TMP-404](#) REPORT/COMMUNICATION: UPDATE FROM OSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT CHEROKEE NATION BY DR. NATASHA BRAY, INTERIM DEAN  
*Dr. Bray provided a presentation and offered to answer questions pertaining to the OSU medical school at Cherokee Nation. Councilor Smith inquired if anyone could attend the event on the 15th of October. Chair Dobbins inquired if there are other opportunities for med school close to this area. Councilor Legg inquired about if out of state tuition could be waived for At Large Cherokee citizens. Chair Dobbins requested clarification between endowment and Indian Health Service Scholarships.*  
**Presented**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Dobbins announced a handout has been given to each of the Council Member pertaining to the Affordable Bill Care free dental appointments.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Callison seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:24 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Natasha Bray</i>	<i>Ashlei Ashmore</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>David Gahn</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

*George Valliere*

*Teddye Snell*

*John Young*