



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Monday, April 15, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

Absent 2 - Wanda Hatfield and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Shaw announced Councilor Hatfield has been detained in Washington D.C. with flight issues due to weather.

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the February Public Health Sub and the March regular session minutes. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an overview of his report. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the new location of the contract health support staff.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. He reported on the visit from Dr. Redfield the CDC Director and the request for Ms. Lisa Pivec from our Public Health Group to give a presentation. He provided a handout of current vacancy rates for IHS,

OKC IHS, and the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Buzzard commented on the Physical Therapy area at the Jay Clinic not being big enough. He requested clarification on the 4:30 p.m. dental appointment call in time. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of dentist at the Jay Clinic. He inquired about the status of a permanent clinical director at Jay. Councilor Lay inquired about vacancies in Nowata and Ochelata. He inquired about an up to date organizational chart for Heath. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a generator at the Nowata Will Rogers Clinic. He questioned how many other clinics do not have a generator. Questions of concern were raised about the blood being transported to the fire station and the safety issues. Dr. Roger Montgomery reported on an issue they are currently dealing with some of our lab work done outside of the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about the number of patients involved. Councilor Dobbins inquired if it was just at Hastings or all clinics. Chair Shaw inquired about the possibility of a Physician's Assistant and or a Registered Nurse program. She inquired about a physical therapy program at Hastings. She also requested clarification on the thirty-minute window allowed for dental appointments. Chair Shaw inquired about the ability to access patients records and if they are monitored. Dr. Jones confirmed Nowata is the only clinic without a generator at this time. Councilor Shambaugh commented on a citizen who participated in stem cell therapy. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the possibility of exterior defibrillators for heart patients.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Warner moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution for Americorp Funding to continue the Medical-Legal Partnership with the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

19-027

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OKLAHOMA, INC., TO RE-APPLY FOR AMERICORPS FUNDING ON BEHALF OF CHEROKEE NATION TO CONTINUE THE MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP WITH CHEROKEE NATION

Councilor Warner moved to approve and requested it be forwarded to Council this evening. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Dobbins gave an update on the workout facilities within districts.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Warner moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:01 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Steve Carey
Roger Montgomery
Todd Enlow*

*Christina Carroll
Todd Hembree*

*Steve Jones
John Young*

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Teddye Snell

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad