



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, December 16, 2024

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Co-Chair Patzkowski gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch; Danny Callison; Johnny Kidwell; Sasha Blackfox-Qualls; Lisa Hall; Daryl Legg; Codey Poindexter; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Kevin Easley Jr.; Julia Coates and Kendra McGeady

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Deere moved to approve as submitted. Councilor McGeady seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Captain Murray gave highlights from the report then offered to answer questions. Chair Dobbins inquired about the number of physical therapists on staff.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Jones gave an overview of the UKB receiving their own contract health dollars and how the process would be for them at our clinics and hospital. The Cherokee Nation will continue to provide health care to all UKB citizens however if a referral is needed they will be referred to the UKB for use of their contract health funding. Clarification was requested on the service to UKB citizens, if the UKB funds were restricted, reasoning behind the UKB getting these dollars, confirmation UKB citizens will continue to get care inside of the Cherokee Nation facilities. Dr. Jones offered to*

*answer questions pertaining to the new pharmacy upgrade and announced he had brought Mr. McGhee to assist with those questions. Mr. Jones provided an update on the stroke survey.*

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

*Ms. Kim Chuculate reported in the absence of Ms. Pivec. She gave highlights from the report then offered to answer any questions. Councilor Shotpouch requested clarification on vacancies. Councilor Legg requested information on smoking cessation. Councilor Poindexter inquired if the 2025 5K schedule is ready.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair Dobbins announced the possibility of Cherokee Elder Care providing a program update next month.**

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Deere moved to adjourn. Councilor Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:25 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Janees Taylor</i>
<i>Shella Bowlin</i>	<i>Brooke Neff</i>	<i>Christina Justice</i>
<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Kimberlee Chuculate</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>John Young</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Carl Murray</i>
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