



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Monday, January 10, 2022

12:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilors Coates and Legg attended remotely.

Present 17 - Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to approve the December minutes.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Speaker Shambaugh announced due to the spike in COVID cases all reports would be remote.

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere was not available to report.

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

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the written report provided. Dr. Gahn reported on the rapid rise of COVID cases, vaccination and booster numbers. Councilor Smith inquired as to the number of ventilators currently in use. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if they were able to differentiate between the variants. He also inquired about the differences in sickness between those vaccinated and those who are not with the

new variant. Councilor Coates requested clarification on the percentage of health care professionals who are leaving the work force. Councilor Crittenden inquired about disbursing tests to schools. He inquired as to the guidelines now for masking and quarantine. Councilor Nofire inquired about information to boost our immune systems. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about a mask shortage and our mask production. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the requirement for employees to test twice a week. Councilor Smith requested clarification on this variant with the younger kids. Councilor Shotpouch inquired as to who can get the infusions.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Coldwell reported for Dr. Jones. He gave a quick overview of the current patient status at Hastings, COVID testing, antibody infusions, masks, and lastly he took time to praise the dedication of the health employees. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on medication given if test positive for COVID. Chair Dobbins inquired if there are other therapeutics being offered at this time. Councilor Deere inquired about a backup plan for health staff with COVID. Councilor Crittenden inquired as to what over the counter antibiotics can be taken when test positive. Councilor Nofire inquired as to the number of doctors who we have lost over the last year. He also inquired if we have a narcotic tracking system. Councilor Tehee inquired about the proper disposal of expired narcotics. Councilor Nofire inquired about behavioral health services for the homeless.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Kidwell requested prayers for the family of a lost loved one from an At Large community.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Callison made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Patzkowski seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:26 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Remote:</i>		
<i>Lisa Pivec</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>	<i>David Gahn</i>
<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>Wayne Coldwell</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

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