



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, April 14, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janelle Fullbright; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 1 - Julia Coates

Late Arrival 2 - Jodie Fishinghawk and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the March 10th regular session minutes.
Councilor Keener seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Battese provided an update on the MRI and commented they hope to begin imaging patients in May. They will be extending the Urgent Care hours starting Monday. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if they would reconsider the MRI's denied over the past year. Councilor Keener inquired about the contract health process for a citizen who goes to Claremore. Councilor Thornton inquired about the percentage of patients denied MRI services and of those how many were Cherokee. Councilor Glory Jordan requested by email notification the determination of the MRI backlog.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis provided highlights from the written report provided. Mr. Jeff Sanders provided an update on the ninety-day prescription program. She requested Dr. Montgomery give a presentation and update on Palladium, the group helping manage our back pain patients. Lengthy discussion was held regarding Palladium and their services. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired if a handout exists explaining the process to patients in regard to Palladium. Dr. Montgomery reported on his visit to the American College of Physicians where he accepted the Loveland Award for the Cherokee Nation. Councilor Cowan Watts requested the recruitment report also state if they Cherokee. She also requested in regard to contract health how the pending are being served. She requested clarification on the dental appointment process. Councilor Keener asked about the year to date summary on the IHS review provided in the report. He also requested an update on the contract support issues. Councilor Keener inquired if the joint venture is for equipment or operational expenses. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for getting the word out in regard to the Affordable Care Act. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report showing the consumption rate for our existing facilities in terms of patients and where we are financially. She requested a second report showing the finances of the new facilities, their services, their equipment and staffing. Councilor Byrd suggested they review the mental health needs. Mr. Brian Hail gave a quick overview of the improvements made at Hastings and their HCAP scores.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [14-028](#) AN ACT RELATING TO AMENDMENT OF LA-25-11, THE CHEROKEE NATION GENERAL CORPORATION ACT, AS AMENDED BY LA-2-03, LA-4-04, LA-36-05 AND LA-16-96 INCREASING DIVIDENDS, PROVIDING FOR SERVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilor Cowan Watts gave an overview of the proposed amendments. She moved to approve. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. After some discussion and clarifications were made Chair Fullbright requested the Council be provided with the contact information for each clinic's cancer case manager. Councilor Cowan Watts made an amendment to strike the portion regarding additional staff funding. Councilor Keener agreed with the amendment.

Following lengthy discussion the motion failed by the following vote.

Yea: 7 - Lee Keener Jr.; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker and Curtis Snell

Nay: 8 - Janelle Fullbright; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. and Victoria Vazquez

Not In Room: 1 - Joe Byrd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Keener seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 3:52 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Brian Hall</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Marsha Lamb</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>David Moore</i>
<i>Gary Cooper</i>	<i>Diane Kelley</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Kelly Battese</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>	<i>Lisa Long</i>
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