



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, January 13, 2014

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Garvin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Cara Cowan Watts; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the December 16, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Kelly Batiste, Ambulatory Care Director, reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. Mr. Batiste provided a handout of an update on the MRI project and offered to answer questions. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired as to why the third party revenue is down. She requested clarification on the contract health numbers in writing. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired when Indian Health Services determines a facility should be a clinic instead of a hospital. She requested census numbers. She also inquired the contract health deferred be broken down showing the reason for the deferral. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the census also show the number of Cherokee. Councilor Thornton inquired as to the number of employees at Claremore who are Cherokee. He inquired if they report to any other tribes health committee meeting.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Mr. Brian Hail reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. Mr. Hail offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the process for getting the word out on the Affordable Care Act. She requested clarification on the contract health numbers. She inquired about the providers and the assessment by site. Councilor Cowan Watts requested an update on the dentures and caps for Claremore patients. She inquired about a lawsuit regarding Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services. Councilor Fishinghawk requested clarification on exit interviews being performed by human resources instead of by the staff. She requested a status update on the recruitment process. She requested additional information on the patient breakfast referred to in the report. She requested an update on the PACE Center. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a breakdown of the 4 contract health denials. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if there is a dental service provided at the schools. Councilor Garvin inquired as to the number of audiologist on staff. Councilor Thornton requested clarification on the 5% contract health dividends. Councilor Lay requested all Councilors receive information requested. Councilor Thornton inquired as to why they aren't able to start new charts at Redbird. Dr. Steve Jones announced there is a possibility of a residency program for oral surgeons between the University of Oklahoma and Hastings.*

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. [TMP-254](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: THE 5% SET ASIDE PER LA-25-11

**Councilor Lay moved to table for one month. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. [TMP-298](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: FUNDING FOR THE AUDIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

**Councilor Glory Jordan withdrew this item as it has been taken care of by Chief Baker through an Executive Order.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Fullbright gave appreciation to the Health Department as she feels we are making great strides in the health area.*

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:06 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chuck Hoskin, Jr.</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Tyler Thomas</i>
<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Patricia Carpenter*  
*Dianne Barker Harrold*

*Cheryl Brown*

*Kelly Batiste*