



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Meeting Minutes Health Committee

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

10:00 AM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cobb called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Bill John Baker gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Bill John Baker; Don Garvin; Cara Cowan Watts; Buel Anglen; Tina Glory Jordan; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Harley Buzzard; Curtis Snell; Bradley Cobb and Julia Coates

Absent 2 - David Thornton Sr. and Chris Soap

Late Arrival 3 - S. Joe Crittenden; Meredith Frailey and Jack D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to approve the June 17th regular session minutes. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Cobb announced a Special Health Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th at 5:00 p.m. here in the Legislative Conference Room. The final report of the Hastings negotiation team will be provided and reviewed at this time.

1. Claremore Service Unit - Marty Smith

Mr. Marty Smith announced applicants have been interviewed for the CEO position. He stated a decision was made to re-advertise the position. He gave an overview of the written report provided.

2. Hastings Indian Medical Center - Ed McLemore

Mr. Ed McLemore gave an overview of his written report. He stated there is a lot of optimism in regard to the transition. He stated they expect the third party collections pace to improve. Year to date through June they have collected \$24.4ml and last year at this point \$24.5ml. The difference being in medicare. The cash on hand is \$1.4ml. They are projecting a \$2.2ml balance at the end of the year. He shared a press release from the Indian Health Service identifying Dr. Charles Grim as the Health Leader of the Year by the Commissioned Officers Association.

Councilor Glory-Jordan stated she never received the request made last month for the positions and status of those still outstanding in regard to temporary to permanent conversions. Mr. McLemore stated the information is still being converted. There

were approximately 140 positions targeted for conversion. He stated a large number of these have the requirement for vacancy position posting. In essence the temporary employees were having to apply for the position they already held to become a permanent employee. Some of these didn't turn in an application, choose not to turn in an application or gave an incomplete application. Councilor Glory-Jordan requested within the next week to be given firm numbers for the 176 temporary employees. She requested a breakdown by the number of who is still temporary, who is in the process of becoming permanent and who has become permanent. She requested the information be given to all Council members. Dr. Grim stated Mr. McLemore could provide the numbers as of this week and we can submit the final numbers at the special meeting.

3. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Melissa Gower

Dr. Gloria Grim gave a brief overview of the written report. She announced mother nature is creating difficulties with getting the roof repaired at the Jay clinic. She stated part of the roof is done, dental is open, there are 2 physicians, nursing, behavioral health, and a pharmacist on site providing care. Other staff have been sent to other clinics and patients are being routed to other clinics where their physician is, going to the Jay clinic and seeing the physician on site or just pick up meds. She stated once the roof is completed an insurance claim will be turned in.

Councilor Fishinghawk inquired as to how many physicians are budgeted at WP Mankiller and how many are vacant. Dr. Grim replied only one physician position is open at this time. Councilor Fishinghawk requested a breakdown of positions budgeted by clinic and the vacancies for each clinic.

Councilor Glory-Jordan stated last month she had requested a breakdown of equipment needs for Hastings for the next 5 years to include the cost and possible funding sources and it has not been received. She requested the information be provided by email to all Councilors before the special meeting on the 4th of August.

Councilor Fullbright inquired if we would have a full time recruiter after the 1st of October. Dr. Grim stated we would.

Councilor Buzzard suggested having electronic signs outside each clinic. He stated the signs could provide very helpful information pertaining to the clinic as well as community events. Dr. Grim stated she would pass the suggestion along to Shawn Terry.

Councilor Frailey requested an update on her request for a dental clinic in Salina. Dr. Grim stated she saw a list of capitol improvement projects and it is included in the first group of projects. Councilor Frailey inquired about a beginning date. Dr. Grim stated she doesn't know.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TRIBAL MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Sponsors: Councilor Cobb And Councilor Fullbright

Chair Cobb made a motion for the approval. Councilor Frailey seconded the

motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bill John Baker made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Jack Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried at 11:12 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lita Maupin</i>	<i>Dr. Gloria Grim</i>	<i>Vickie Hanvey</i>
<i>Rachel McAlvain</i>	<i>Keith Barrick</i>	

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Marty Smith</i>	<i>Ed McLemore</i>	<i>Mitch Thornbrough</i>
<i>Jim Ketcher</i>	<i>Vickie Snell</i>	<i>Dr. Paul Mobley</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>		

APPROVAL / DISTRIBUTION

Minutes submitted by: Shelli Brittain, Legal & Legislative Coordinator

Motion to approve minutes made by: _____

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____

Date: _____