



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Frankie Hargis, Chair*

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Monday, December 12, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Hargis called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Walkingstick gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

**Absent** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

**Late Arrival** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Anglen moved to approve the November 14th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd announced the passing of former Council member and Health Committee Chair Janelle Fullbright.*

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere reported they have hired a hospitalist to replace one of those on contract. They continue to have walk-up flu shots. He gave an update on the women's clinic and the x-ray room renovations. The dental clinic has begun Saturday appointments once a month. He offered to answer questions. Councilor Buzzard inquired if all of their providers are military or civil service. He inquired as to how those salaries compare to the Cherokee Nation salaries. Councilor Anglen requested an update on*

*the MRI appointments. Councilor Austin requested an update on the orthopedics contract situation.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Byrd commented on the efforts made in contract health. Ms. Davis provided a report on vacancies and gave an overview. Councilor Buzzard commented on the information he had requested and his concern for being told it must be done through FOIA. Councilor Lay voiced concern for vacancies at the Nowata and Cooweescoowee clinics. He inquired about competitive salaries and exit interviews. He voiced concern for the health staff being told both verbally and in writing not to speak to the Council members. Councilor Byrd requested the Chief's memo of open communication be resent to all of the employees. Councilor Warner inquired about a podiatrist at Redbird. Councilor Crittenden requested a follow up on information requested pertaining to the criteria for admittance into Hastings. Councilor Lay suggested restarting the work group to allow some of this discussion to happen offline. Councilor Buzzard requested all vacancies be listed on the report provided. He questioned the possible hourly rate of someone on contract. He also questioned an outstanding AT&T bill. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about changes with employees at behavioral health. He inquired about getting nurse practitioners instead of physicians. Councilor Garvin inquired about providing bonuses for good work. Councilor Warner inquired about an operational change of command within the behavioral health group. Councilor Taylor inquired about a patient disconnect in behavioral health with them not knowing a patient's medical history. Councilor Anglen requested a response on Councilor Buzzards inquiry about the hourly wage discussed earlier.*

#### AMEND THE AGENDA

**Councilor Warner moved to amend the agenda to add 2 resolutions for consideration today; A Resolution Naming the Redbird Dialysis Center the Janelle Lattimore-Fullbright Dialysis Center and a Resolution regarding the TSET Grant Proposal. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 16-125

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE REDBIRD CLINIC DIALYSIS CENTER "THE JANELLE LATTIMORE-FULLBRIGHT DIALYSIS CENTER"

**Councilor Warner moved to approve. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. All Councilors present requested to be added as sponsors. Councilor Byrd requested clarification. Councilor Warner requested this move to Council this evening. The motion to approve carried.**

16-126

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF IMMUNITY OF THE CHEROKEE NATION TO THE OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST FOR PURPOSES OF THE TSET HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM PROPOSAL

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Warner seconded the motion with a request to forward to Council this evening. Christina Carroll gave background information for the grant. Following a few clarification questions the motion to approve carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:00 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Chief Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Dr. James Stallcup</i>
<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>Christina Carroll</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>
<i>Jamie Cole</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Linda O'Leary</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>
<i>Melvina Shotpouch</i>	<i>JR Claphan</i>	