



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, November 13, 2017

12:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Baker Shaw called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 1 - Frankie Hargis

**Late Arrival** 1 - Mike Shambaugh

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the October 23rd regular session minutes. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Ms. Kathy Smith reported for Mr. Valliere. She provided an update on the air handler at the emergency room. They had their first pink out day in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Their employee appreciation fall festival was held recently. They will soon have a new surgeon on staff. Councilor Taylor requested further information on the ER and women's health remodels referred to in the report. Councilor Buzzard again requested the contact information to send a letter regarding the orthopedic contract. He requested the outpatient visits be reported annually as well as monthly.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. announced Ms. Davis has resigned her position and effective immediately Dr. Grim will be the interim director. Dr. Grim announced an all-time record of 490 surgeries over the last month. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Lay inquired about the status of the Nowata and Ochelata providers. He voiced frustrations for losing doctors. Councilor Warner inquired if they are still looking toward a long term plan. He also inquired about long term care. He inquired about the pharmacy refills. Councilor Buzzard voiced some of the same concerns for the Jay facility. He questioned the number of patients a provider sees in a day. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the interim position and timeline. Dr. Grim gave appreciation to the service of Ms. Davis then gave an overview of this background. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the process if a provider takes an administrative role. Chair Baker Shaw requested clarification of the \$35,000 raise referred to in the Cherokee Phoenix. She asked how many providers within the Cherokee Health system at this time. She requested by email the actual number of physician providers with a breakdown of the PA's and nurse practitioners. She inquired as to the number of providers that have been lost since the last meeting. She asked as to how much of the Tahlequah Northeastern Health System the Nation owns.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-360](#) DISCUSSION ONLY - LOSS OF PROVIDERS IN CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH

**This discussion was held during the Cherokee Nation Health Services report.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-127](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE'S FY2018 YOUTH REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER AFTERCARE PILOT PROJECT AND THE ACTIVITIES PROPOSED THEREIN

**Councilor Warner made a motion to approve. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

2. [TMP-362](#) HEALTH WORK GROUP STATUS REPORT

Presented by: Co-Chair Mike Dobbins

**Councilor Dobbins gave an update from the work group. Chair Baker Shaw inquired if the addresses of the providers could be provided to the work group for the survey. Councilor Lay inquired if the compensation meetings held were open meetings.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Lay made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:28 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Elizabeth Odell  
Darren Dry  
Bret Hayes  
Sydney Kimble*

*Canaan Duncan  
Brian Hail  
Stephanie Wickliffe  
Todd Hembree*

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Steve Jones  
Charles Grim*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Kathy Smith  
Tahlina Nofire Blakestad*

*Shaun Shepherd*

*Teddy Snell*