



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Monday, February 11, 2013

12:00 PM

Legislative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Hargis gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Buel Anglen; Curtis Snell; David Thornton, Sr. ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Cara Cowan Watts; Frankie Hargis and Joe Byrd

Absent 1 - Meredith Frailey

Late Arrival 3 - Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick and Chuck Hoskin Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the January 14, 2013 regular session minutes. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Ms. Vickie Snell reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. She reported they have increased the percentage of their health care workers who have received the flu vaccinations. She provided a recruitment update.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Dr. Roger Montgomery reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Garvin inquired about the upcoming changes to the inhaler. Councilor Keener requested an update on the 5% initiative. Councilor Hoskin Jr. commended them for the implementation of the pay raises. Councilor Lay requested a copy of the denture policy. He requested an agenda item

on the March meeting for discussion pertaining to the 5% funding for dentures and eyeglasses. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a report on the estimated financial impact on the Cherokee Nation Health Services due to the fiscal cliff. She also inquired if there has been a dress code implemented at Hastings. Councilor Garvin inquired how many doctors we are currently short. Councilor Byrd suggested they look at the original compact as it should just state health care and not be broken out. He gave appreciation for them addressing the diabetes issues. Some discussion was held regarding the Sallisaw Dialysis Center. Councilor Lay requested the Attorney General review the contracts between us and Tahlequah City Hospital and also Tahlequah City Hospital and DaVita. Councilor FISHINGHAWK requested a report next month on vacancies by clinic, customer satisfaction and total number in and out. She inquired about the design for the Sallisaw clinic. She also requested to see the contracts pertaining to doctor sharing with Tahlequah City Hospital. Councilor Cowan Watts requested a breakout of the 5% showing medical needs versus those items listed in the legislation and the actuals spent by county. Chair Fullbright voiced concern for only one hearing aid being provided instead of two. Dr. Montgomery gave an update on the electronic health records.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [TMP-244](#) JACK BROWN CENTER STATUS UPDATE (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table. Councilor Hoskin Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. [TMP-245](#) ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Montgomery gave an update on the electron health records situation. After several questions were asked and answered the discussion concluded.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [TMP-242](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING HEALTHCARE MASTER PLAN EXPANSION

Councilor FISHINGHAWK referred this discussion to the Reconvened Executive and Finance Committee later today.
2. [TMP-252](#) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CLAREMORE IHS HOSPITAL BILLING CHEROKEE NATION BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD

Councilor Cowan Watts requested Mr. Bill Foster of Human Resources present the proposal. She stated the issue is with Claremore Indian Hospital being a Federal facility a decision was made to not allow them to bill our Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mr. Foster gave an overview of this issue. After discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts made a motion to direct Human Resources to add Claremore Indian Hospital specifically to our Blue Cross Blue Shield to billing for our employees. Councilor Keener seconded the motion. After additional discussion was held Councilor Cowan Watts requested Ms. Snell and Mr. Foster work together and bring back a financial impact report next month. Chair Fullbright inquired how many of the employees at Claremore Indian Hospital are Cherokee. Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired as to the number of patients that have been seen at Claremore that could have been billed on Cherokee Nation Insurance. She also inquired how it may affect our insurance if this change is made and the reason for the original exclusion.

Councilor Cowan Watts moved to table. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. After additional discussion was held the motion to table carried.

Councilor Glory-Jordan inquired if the Chair would consider forming a work group on health issues. Chair Fullbright agreed and commented she would contact the committee for volunteers for the work group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Baker moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:53 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Vickie Snell</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Bill Foster</i>	<i>Chelsea Wilson</i>	<i>Terrisa Muskrat</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Lacey Horn</i>	<i>Jody Reece</i>
<i>Roger Montgomery</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Larry Horn</i>	<i>Raymond Vann</i>	<i>Farrell Prater</i>
<i>Ollie Starr</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	