



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, March 20, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Co Chair Warner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Anglen gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay and Keith Austin

Absent 2 - Frankie Hargis and David Thornton, Sr.

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the February 21st regular session minutes. Councilor Bakere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere provided an update on the current renovation projects at the hospital. They are waiting to receive the contract back from Hillcrest Hospital in regard to orthopedic services. Councilor Taylor inquired what the issue is with the contract taking so long.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis gave an overview of the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Lay inquired if it is a new doctor coming in to Nowata. He also asked for an update on the staffing at Ochelata. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on a patient. He inquired if Hastings had a rash room. Clarification was requested on test strips for diabetes. Councilor Buzzard

inquired about additional help in the Audiology Department. He also inquired if the Behavioral Health budget has been cut. He requested follow up on an issue their Information Technology Department. Councilor Byrd inquired about Cherokee speakers at the clinics to assist those who don't understand medical terminology. He also inquired about the automated appointment reminders. He gave appreciation to the wellness staff at Markoma. Councilor Vazquez inquired if someone in Vinita needed an audiology appointment if they would go to Hastings. Councilor Taylor inquired about the funding status in Contract Health. She requested an explanation as to why patients are being told we are out of funding. She requested clarification on the affordable care act in regard to elective services. Councilor Lay inquired about a patient who was released from Hastings hospital at noon but had to wait in the pharmacy for medications until 5:00 p.m. He requested clarification on what is considered an elective service or surgery and the affordable care act. He suggested doing a presentation to the Council in a separate meeting in small groups to go over these complex confusing issues. He requested a copy of the patients' rights pamphlet. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if there is funding set aside in the joint venture for behavioral health. He inquired about charging an elder \$200 for eyeglasses. He stated he continues to get phone calls on the mismanagement of the doctors. Councilor Baker inquired if they are making appointment reminder calls in optometry. He also inquired about the PACE Center for elders not receiving Christmas bonuses. Councilor Anglen inquired if we are working on getting more in line with our nursing salaries. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the patient advocate position at the Jay Clinic. Councilor Crittenden inquired about behavioral health assistance for someone with a criminal or court record. Councilor Byrd inquired about the memo he had requested a few months ago in regard to how the affordable care act may affect the Cherokee Nation. Chair Warner inquired what a patient is to do when they go to a referral appointment and either don't have the form or forgot to take it. He also inquired about optometry patients who already have glasses and the possibility of getting a second pair. He gave appreciation for some of her staff participating in the benefit donkey basketball game.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-024](#) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR THE OKLAHOMA TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENDOWMENT TRUST (TSET) HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM
Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with a request to forward to Full Council this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Anglen moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Lisa Pivec</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Courtney Jordan</i>
<i>Charles Grim</i>	<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Steve Jones</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Claud Stover</i>
<i>Mary Baker Shaw</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Anthony Cochran</i>