



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Janelle Fullbright, Chair

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Thursday, February 26, 2015

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 11 - Janelle Fullbright; Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk; Tina Glory Jordan; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Joe Byrd and Victoria Vazquez

Absent 5 - Cara Cowan Watts; Harley Buzzard; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker and Curtis Snell

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the January 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Battiste provided an update from the report provided by stating the clinic director is not going to be filled by Dr. Taylor. He reported he has taken the hospital administrative officer position vacated recently by Ms. Snell's retirement. He provided updates on the current construction projects. They have signed a planning document to begin renovation and expansions of their emergency room department.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Dr. Charles Grim reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. Dr. Grim gave an update on the Affordable Care Act. He announced in an effort to educate our citizens regarding exemption of the shared responsibility payment within the Affordable Care Act they will send out an audio message to all un-insured citizens. He stated they would provide an audio file of the message along with the contact information for questions. Councilor Fishinghawk commended them on their increased third party revenue numbers and inquired about the numbers for the dental program. Councilor Glory Jordan gave appreciation for all of the health expansions made possible through the casino revenues and joint ventures. Councilor Coates inquired about orthopedic surgeons on staff. Councilor Fishinghawk inquired if once the new hospital is complete if it would allow more in house operations and procedures. Councilor Fullbright announced she learned as an Advisory member of the CNB board that they are going to provide electronic signs at each clinic. Councilor Taylor inquired about the status of the generator at the Salina Clinic since they seem to have frequent power issues. Councilor Byrd commented a member of the staff at Markoma stayed the night at the facility during the bad weather to ensure the facility could open the next morning. Councilor Glory Jordan commented her last visit to Hastings toe in to toe out was ninety minutes and she was extremely pleased. She commented the call reminder of the appointment is wonderful as a reminder but also to be able to skip the registration step upon arrival.

OLD BUSINESS

1. [15-002](#) A RESOLUTION DIRECTING CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH SERVICES PHARMACY DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DIABETIC MEDICATIONS
- Councilor Lay gave an update and stated he is going to go about this issue in an alternate path. He withdrew this item.**

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 10:07 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Connie Donavan
Ida Webber
Bret Hayes
Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Bruce Davis*

*Jeff Sanders
Dr. Charles Grim
Dr. Steve Jones
Bill John Baker*

*Dr. Roger Montgomery
Elizabeth Odell
Canaan Duncan
Marsha Lamb*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Kelly Battiste

Natalie Fullbright

Teddye Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold