



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, April 13, 2015

1:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright** called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Hargis** gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 10 - Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker and Joe Byrd

**Absent** 3 - Julia Coates; Jodie Fishinghawk and Cara Cowan Watts

**Late Arrival** 4 - Tina Glory Jordan; David Walkingstick; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker** moved to approve the March 16th regular session minutes.  
**Councilor Keener** seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Keener inquired about their revenue fund spending ability. He also inquired how they were able to increase revenue with the visits being down. Councilor Taylor voiced concern for the procedure for booking appointments and requested a review. She also commended the staff for the care given to a constituent recently.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis highlighted the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the surgery scheduling process especially in the orthopedic clinic. He requested a follow-up on the gravel parking lot at Hastings. Councilor Buzzard also checked on*

*the status of diabetic shoes. Councilor Lay requested the contract referral success rate between Claremore and Hastings be reported again. Councilor Keener requested clarification on the referral process. He also inquired if you have to be a certified coder to work in the medical records department. Chair Fullbright commented she had requested the wording change in the contract health form letter to reflect it is pending additional medical records rather than saying denied. Councilor Glory Jordan requested the percentage of federal dollars compared to third party at Hastings over the last three years. Councilor Thornton inquired if they are accepting new patients at Redbird Clinic. Discussion was held regarding the need for extended hours at the clinics. Dr. Jorge Mera of Infectious Diseases announced May 19th is Hepatitis C awareness day and June 27th is HIV testing day. He gave an overview and update on both diseases and the screenings provided. Councilor Buzzard reminded Ms. Davis of his request for the stages of cancer being included in the report. Chair Fullbright requested a cancer care coordinator at each clinic. Councilor Glory Jordan requested they review and determine a way to expedite the process for cancer care patient referrals.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Jorge Mera</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>
<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>David Pruitt</i>	<i>Ron Qualls</i>	<i>Gary Cooper</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Tommy Hearn</i>
<i>Kathy Kilpatrick</i>	<i>Natalie Fullbright</i>	<i>Janice Randall</i>