



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Janelle Fullbright, Chair*

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Monday, May 11, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Fullbright called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 13 - Janelle Fullbright; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; David Thornton, Sr. ; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell and Victoria Vazquez

**Absent** 2 - Julia Coates and Jodie Fishinghawk

**Late Arrival** 2 - Tina Glory Jordan and Cara Cowan Watts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Hargis moved to approve the April 13th regular session minutes.**  
**Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the written report provided. They received equipment from the State Health Department for newborn hearing tests. They have submitted paperwork for their ADA accreditation which has been accepted for their diabetes program. Their Pharmacy Director received the Indian Health Service Senior Pharmacist of the Year Award. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the chiropractor.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis gave an overview of the written report provided. Councilor Glory Jordan inquired about the timeline from the first diagnosis of having cancer to getting referred*

out to a specialist. Councilor Lay inquired about the time difference for referrals between Hastings and Claremore. He inquired about an optometrist at Nowata or Ochelata. He also inquired about replacement of the doctor leaving at Nowata, the continuation of the extended hours at Nowata, the next available appointment at Nowata, and the drop dead open date for the Cooweescoowee clinic. Councilor Lay also voiced concern for emails to our Health Department including the director not being answered. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a timeline for the pediatric doctor at Jay. He inquired about the information requested regarding the cancer stages. Councilor Buzzard also voiced concern regarding not receiving return calls and emails from all departments in the Cherokee Nation. Secretary of State Hoskin expressed apologies and requested all emails are cc'd to Canaan Duncan the Legislative Liaison. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the reason for those contract health denials. She also inquired about the number of open positions to fill at Cooweescoowee. Councilor Byrd stated the visits at the Markoma Recreation Center are up and would appreciate continued maintenance and upkeep.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chair Fullbright announced the next meetings is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15th.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>
<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>
<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>		

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
<i>Cheryl Brown</i>		