



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Frankie Hargis, Chair*

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Monday, November 16, 2015

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Hargis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Anglen gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Thornton, Sr.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve the October 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

#### 1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere introduced their Ambulatory Care Director, Kathy Smith. He gave a brief overview of the report provided along with an update on the MRI situation. He provided details on their flu clinic. Councilor Buzzard inquired when the orthopedic contract would change from Oklahoma City to Tulsa.*

#### 2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Taylor commented on the helpfulness of the chart showing the top ten diagnoses. She inquired about Cherokees getting an eye glass prescription at Claremore Indian Hospital and being told by Salina Clinic that it cannot be filled. She asked about the doctor shortage at Salina and the patient complaints of not being able to schedule appointments. Councilor Buzzard requested a report showing the number of patients seen at each*

*clinic and a third party billing report for each clinic. He also inquired about same day appointments at the Jay clinic. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a tentative opening date for the new clinic in Jay. Councilor Lay inquired if there is a reason for the doctors leaving. He inquired if there had been further research on the issue of non-consensual testing. Councilor Jordan inquired if the appointment slips will still be mailed out. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the drop in process at Wilma P compared to the other clinics. Chair Hargis requested an update on the pharmacy issues. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if the electronic health records system is IHS compatible. He inquired who did the due diligence for the selection of this program for the electronic health records. Councilor Lay also voiced concerns for the new electronic health records system. Councilor Buzzard requested a report showing how many patients a day the doctors see at the Jay clinic.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:42 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>
<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Kathy Smith</i>
<i>Dr. Roger Montgomery</i>	<i>Claud Stover</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>George Valliere</i>
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