



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

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

*Frankie Hargis, Chair*

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Monday, May 16, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Hargis called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

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

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Jordan moved to approve the April 11, 2016 regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere gave an update from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the emergency room remodel.*

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

*Ms. Davis provided information on the Zika virus and our efforts in regard to this issue. Dr. Gahn gave an overview of the Zika virus. Ms. Davis gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about the status of the generator at the Salina clinic. Councilor Anglen inquired how many vacancies in our entire health system. Councilor Lay inquired about the status of the public health educator in Vinita and Nowata. He also inquired about an eye doctor at the Cooweescowee clinic. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the status of the contract health collection letter. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the status of the broken pharmacy door*

*electronic lock for the patients in the emergency room. He also voiced concern for the tidiness of the restrooms and elevator doors at Hastings. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the call in to the pharmacy for meds and not being able to reach anyone. Councilor Thornton inquired about the partnerships with Tahlequah City Hospital. Councilor Thornton voiced concern for the referral process. Councilor Buzzard inquired about doing the dental sealants for children at the schools. He requested a schedule of the schools for sealants be provided. Councilor Thornton raised concern for some citizen issues. Councilor Lay inquired about the referral issue have anything to do with the third party billing issues. Mr. Bret Hayes provided a handout showing the medical priority list for contract health. Lengthy discussion was held on contract health. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on the email sent out regarding contract services. Chair Hargis requested an update on the third party billing. She commented on the positive press on Dr. Lewis.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Hargis announced a proclamation signing at 2:00 p.m. today in front of the complex for foster care.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:50 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>
<i>JR Claphan</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>
<i>Charles Grim</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Randy Gibson</i>
<i>David Gahn</i>	<i>Claud Stover</i>	<i>John Paden</i>
<i>Todd Hembree</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>John Young</i>	

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

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