



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Frankie Hargis, Chair*

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Tuesday, July 12, 2016

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 Warner gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 17 - 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; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Baker moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

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

*Ms. Kathy Smith reported in the absence of Mr. Valliere. She provided a brief update from the report provided. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if they have contract health funds for dental. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they are looking for bids for the orthopedic contract in Tulsa or Oklahoma City.*

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

*Dr. Roger Montgomery reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. He announced Ms. Davis, Dr. Grim and Mr. Hail are visiting the new health facility at Eastern Band of the Cherokees. He also announced he would be stepping down at the end of this week and introduced the interim Medical Director will be Dr. James Stallcup. Dr. Montgomery gave a brief overview of the report provided. He requested a few moments following questions from the standard report to allow Dr. Gahn to provide a mortality report. Councilor Taylor inquired about the program where Walgreens*

*provides prescription drugs to our Native Americans that are not available at our clinics. Councilor Crittenden inquired about a transport service for patients to Oklahoma City. He also inquired about a patient being referred out to an outside specialist and that doctor suggested a treatment that isn't covered by us. Councilor Walkingstick gave appreciation to Dr. Montgomery for his service. Councilor Warner requested an update on the pain management issues. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a behavioral specialist in Jay and also a patient service advocate. He also inquired about the 99 patients who weren't referred out for contract health. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the gardens within the Healthy Nations program as to if they could be raised beds to allow easier access to the elderly. He voiced a complaint about an elder being asked to leave an area following an open house while looking at pictures. Several other Councilors gave appreciation to Dr. Montgomery for his service to the Cherokee people.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

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

*Dr. Montgomery gave a brief reasoning for the report regarding causes of mortality in the Cherokee Nation. After a brief overview of Dr. David Gahn's background a packet was provided. Dr. Gahn gave an overview of the information provided and answered several questions.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 1:51 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Dr. Roger Montgomery  
Theresa Chadouin  
Claud Stover  
Chief Bill John Baker*

*Dr. Steve Jones  
Jeff Sanders  
Dr. David Gahn  
Dr. James Stallcup*

*Canaan Duncan  
Chrissi Nimmo  
Bret Hayes*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell  
Forrest Cox*

*Dianne Barker Harrold*

*Kathy Smith*