



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, August 15, 2016

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 2 - David Thornton, Sr. and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker moved to approve the July 12th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Jordan 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 an update from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about their contract health services.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis introduced our Interim Medical Director, Dr. James Stallcup. She gave highlights of the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired about the status of including a drug to our formulary for ADHD. She also requested a follow-up in regard to Walgreens providing medications to Native Americans that the tribes didn't carry. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the behavioral specialist at the Jay Clinic. He inquired about the cost of the Serna program. He requested clarification on the

vacancies within the department. He inquired about the new chip program for Sooner care. Councilor Lay requested the contract referral funding be separated out in the reports provided. He inquired about the process for Medicare patients that visit our clinics. He requested clarification on the contract referral billing process and if the funds are kept separate per clinic or all placed together. Councilor Lay inquired about an eye doctor at Nowata or Cooweescoowee. He asked about the timeline for Serna being online, how the revenues are, and the billing status. Councilor Vazquez request an update on the letter to the debt collectors in regard to contract health. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the report requested from Councilor Baker in regard to collections. Councilor Baker stated he has requested a report showing the accrued revenue and the cash collections. Councilor Austin inquired about audiology and the timeline to get an appointment. Councilor Byrd requested an update on the Hastings hospital groundbreaking and any ideas gathered from the newly opened Eastern Band hospital. Councilor Byrd inquired about a plan to keep the doctors once hired. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about a behavioral health specialist who can issue medications. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the National Treasurers would be included in the design of the new hospital.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:38 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Ami Sams</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>
<i>Sara Hill</i>	<i>Dr. David Gahn</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Jones</i>
<i>Dr. Charles Grim</i>	<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Chad Harsha</i>		

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Kathy Smith</i>	<i>Teddy Snell</i>	<i>Dianne Barker Harrold</i>
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