



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, October 17, 2016

2:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hargis called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Frankie Hargis ; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Curtis Snell; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick and Keith Austin

Absent 1 - Wanda Hatfield

Late Arrival 4 - David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Victoria Vazquez and Buel Anglen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the September 12th minutes as submitted. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported their OB program received its accreditation for another year. They will be doing some remodeling projects in the women's clinic, the surgery clinic and the emergency room. He provided an update on the orthopedic contract status. They have started their flu shot clinic. The annual fall festival will be held on October 27th. Councilor Buzzard commented on the rise third party collections. He inquired about the number of patients they see in a year.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Mr. Brian Hail reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. He gave highlights from the written report provided. He encouraged everyone to get their flu shots. He reported the

emergency room remodel is complete. An update was provided on the left without being seen rate. He offered to answer questions from the report given. Councilor Warner inquired if with the Serna program a medical transcriber could input doctor's notes to free up some doctor time for patients. He also inquired about the pharmacy giving samples or a smaller quantity to ensure it works for the patient before giving several months' supply. Councilor Taylor inquired if they are aware of the mumps epidemic in Arkansas and if it is being monitored. Councilor Buzzard inquired about a patient services advocate, a mental health worker and a pediatrician at the Jay Clinic. He commented on the third party collections at the Jay Clinic. He requested an update on the change in the dental clinic to ten hour shifts. Councilor Warner voiced some concerns for the elders and the change of their physicians. Councilor Byrd inquired about the replacement of a doctor recently lost at the Redbird Clinic.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 2:25 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Steve Jones
Bret Hayes*

*Brian Hail
Courtney Jordan*

*Elizabeth Odell
Canaan Duncan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Teddy Snell

Dianne Barker Harrold