



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, February 21, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - 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 and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 2 - Dick Lay and David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve the December 12th and January 16th regular sessions as submitted. Councilor Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported on their construction projects including the renovation of the x-ray room being converted into a cardiology study room and renovations are happening in the surgery clinic and women's clinic to add additional exam rooms. They have begun preparations for the joint commissions survey which can happen anytime between now and February 2018. They have met again with the officials at Hillcrest Hospital in regard to the orthopedic contract. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Austin inquired about assistance for Cherokee speaking elders who don't understand medical terminology used by the nurses and doctors.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Mr. Hail gave appreciation to all of those who attended and showed support in the ground breaking for the joint venture on the outpatient clinic at Hastings. He gave some highlights from the report provided. He handed out a copy of the recruitment report and gave an overview. He invited everyone to the Our Doc's Rock event at the Hard Rock in Tulsa on May 20th. Councilor Baker inquired if the staff at the Cherokee Elder Care are Cherokee Nation employees and if they are eligible for the Cherokee Nation bonuses. He inquired about the re-implementing of the appointment reminders at the Three Rivers Eye Clinic. He commented on them currently booking appointments for 2018. Councilor Taylor inquired about the pilot program for the screening of colonoscopies held in December. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the behavioral health index screening and the overall budget for the behavioral health department. He also inquired about additional staff in the audiology department at Hastings. Councilor Lay requested additional clarification on the vacancy report specifically in his area. Councilor Thornton requested an update on the mail order prescriptions. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the joint venture would provide additional space for the audiologist. He also questioned the timeline for eye exams. Councilor Taylor inquired as to why joint replacements such as knees and hips are being scheduled for surgery when they are elective. The patients are under the impression they are covered when they are scheduled. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if staffing is covered under the joint venture funding. He also inquired about a positive atmosphere and great customer service for our employees at Hastings. Councilor Crittenden inquired when the printout overview of your clinic visit stopped. Councilor Byrd inquired if the automated call reminders have stopped. He also asked if most of the most of the patients being referred out have private insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thornton moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:34 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Stephanie Wickliffe
James Stallcup
Bill John Baker*

*Steve Jones
Bret Hayes
John Young*

*Brian Hail
Canaan Duncan
Chad Harshaw*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddye Snell
George Valliere

Jay Neugin

Dianne Barker Harrold