



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Monday, June 19, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Austin 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

Absent 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve the May 15th regular and special sessions as submitted. Councilor Anglen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere reported they put new by-pat machines out in the inpatient and ICU units. One of their pharmacists was selected to receive an Indian Health Service Directors award. They were notified by Platt College in a request to have a dental officer and assistant to sit on an advisory committee at their college. They are in the process of updating their audiology booth. There have been some equipment updates made in the dental clinic. Nursing is meeting with the Oklahoma College of Nursing to potentially serve as a clinical site for the BSN nursing students.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Dr. Charles Grim reported in the absence of Ms. Davis. He gave a brief overview of the highlights from the report provided. He announced there has been a donation of

some miniature horses to the Jack Brown Treatment Facility which will allow them to begin their equine therapy. He provided an overview of the updated vacancy report. Councilor Crittenden requested a follow up report on the behavioral health staffing at the Wilma P. Mankiller Clinic. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the increase in pharmacy patients at the Sam Hider Clinic. He also requested clarification that insurance is not required prior to have a referral sent. He requested clarification on the vacancy report. Lastly Councilor Buzzard requested a podiatrist at the Jay clinic. Councilor Byrd requested clarification on the Indian Health Service Director vacancy. Councilor Austin requested consideration be given to include the Claremore Indian Hospital in the placement of the Cherokee interpreter available signs. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the vacant positions within his jurisdiction. He also requested clarification on the APRN converted position mentioned in the report.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [17-066](#) A RESOLUTION RELATED TO CHEROKEE NATION HEALTH CARE PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS
Councilor Lay made a motion to approve with the following amendments: to add "patients and" prior to "providers" in the title along with the Be It Resolved clause to read as follows "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, the Council encourages the Cherokee Nation Health Department to find a good management process to alleviate the provider losses, and difficulties of recruiting providers, for better care on behalf of our patients and constituents." Councilor Crittenden seconded the motion.

Following concerns voiced by Councilor Taylor she made a motion to table indefinitely. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Yea: 10 - Janees Taylor; Frankie Hargis ; David Thornton, Sr. ; Joe Byrd; Curtis Snell; Victoria Vazquez; Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Bryan Warner and Keith Austin

Nay: 6 - Harley Buzzard; Don Garvin; Jack D. Baker; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen and Dick Lay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Jordan moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:39 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chrissi Nimmo
Elizabeth Odell
Canaan Duncan

Chad Harshaw
James Stallcup
Bret Hayes

Charles Grim
Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Bill John Baker

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dianne Barker Harrold
Mike Dobbins

Teddye Snell

George Valliere