



Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Tuesday, August 15, 2017

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Baker Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Crittenden gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Council members who were newly elected or re-elected in the 2017 election confirmed their membership to the committee.

Present 17 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July 10th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Chair Baker Shaw stated she is honored serve as chair of this committee and gave heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Councilor Hargis for her chairing this committee over the last four years.

1. Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave updates on the emergency room remodel and the surgery clinic remodel. He reported the air handler in the emergency room went out. They have two nurses selected to the list of Oklahoma Great One Hundred Nurses. Their dental clinic has been recommended to be part of the National Expanded Dental Assistant Study on the effectiveness of the periodontal program. They have purchased a new audiology booth. He gave appreciation to the Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health for assisting them in Claremore during the sudden passing of one of their nurses. Chair Baker Shaw requested clarification on the emergency room air handler. Councilor Lay

inquired about an Indian Health Service meeting this week in Catoosa. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the hold up for the orthopedic contract. He requested contact information to enable him to write a letter. He requested the future reports reflect a total for the year on the ambulatory visits instead of just monthly.

2. Cherokee Nation Health Services - Connie Davis

Ms. Davis provided an overview of the report provided. She provided a copy of the latest vacancy report. Councilor Taylor commented on a nurse/mid wife she recently met. Councilor Crittenden inquired about drop-in appointments and doctors at the Wilma P. Mankiller clinic. Councilor Lay requested an update on the provider pay raises. Chair Baker Shaw inquired if the new contracts are open ended. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the future of the old Jay clinic building. He inquired about contract services of cataract removal surgeries. Also if there have been any changes with the podiatry surgeries. Councilor Buzzard requested phone calls be made to patients (he would provide information following the meeting) to tell them whether their medical bills would be paid. Lastly he inquired about the differences in the prescription numbers between Jay and Salina. Councilor Crittenden requested the information pertaining to the provider pay raises prior to voting on the budget. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about possible Indian Health Service funding cuts. Ms. Davis announced Secretary Price would be visiting our joint venture project at Hasting in September. Councilor Walkingstick inquired about the cost for I.T. support for Serna. Councilor Warner commented on the CDC Tribal Advisory meeting where they discussed integrated behavioral health. He inquired if we had ever considered this method. Chair Baker Shaw inquired about the overspending in contract health. She inquired if we have lost twenty-three medical providers over the last twelve months. She requested a report reflecting the number of provider losses over the last year. She also asked how often we use consultants in our services. Chair Baker Shaw inquired as to the number of endocrinologist on staff. She inquired about the process for obtaining a new diabetic monitor and medications if the monitor is broken. Baker Shaw inquired about a diabetes grant. A copy of document controls and medical staff bylaws were also requested. Chair Baker Shaw inquired about Dr. Stallcup and his interim position becoming permanent. Ms. Davis provided information on the I.H.S. event being held in Catoosa. Councilor Byrd commented on the service at the dental clinic at Hastings.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Baker Shaw adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Connie Davis
Bret Hayes

Steve Jones
Chad Harshaw

Elizabeth Odell

VISITORS PRESENT: