



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, March 12, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Baker Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Vazquez gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Rex Jordan; 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

**Absent** 1 - Wanda Hatfield

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Lay moved to approve the February 12th regular session minutes.  
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Ms. Kathy Smith reported for Mr. Valliere. Chair Baker Shaw inquired as to the number of beds the hospitalist would be responsible. She also requested clarification on their Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage. Lastly she asked about the orthopedic contract.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Dr. Grim reported the recruitment report has been provided through email earlier. He announced two new recruits and two new residents. The provider survey is complete with a 91% response rate. On April 7th in the Sky Room at the Hard Rock we will have the annual Our Doc's Rock event. He requested Dr. Nate Lighouser, Assistant Dean of Clinics at the College of Optometry at NSU, to give highlights and answer*

questions pertaining to our optometry program. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the process for scheduling appointments. Chair Baker Shaw inquired how the rotations work and the number of students. She asked about the program for eyeglasses. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the number of patients seen on a daily basis. Councilor Crittenden inquired if children are given higher priority. Councilor Lay requested clarification on the ages and the frame selections. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about contact lenses. Councilor Byrd gave a brief history of the program. He inquired about the percentage of students who are tribal members. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the percentage of instate versus out of state students. Dr. Lighthouser stated three of the four students set to graduate in May have expressed they want to do their IHS scholarship payback here. Dr. Grim offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Byrd gave appreciation for some of the Health staff joining them at Baylor Medical recently to look at a procedure that allows the ability to save the limbs of diabetic patients. Dr. Brian Hail and Dr. Doug Nolan gave an overview of the trip, the procedure and the possible partnership. Appreciation was given to Councilor Byrd for setting up the meetings. Councilor Vazquez inquired if there are age requirements or restrictions. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of amputees we perform per year. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the process if a citizen wanted to go to medical school. Councilor Walkingstick inquired if there are issues with contract negotiations in regard to the new facility. Chair Baker Shaw inquired what procedures we do that involve Northeastern Health Systems. She asked about Cherokee Health Partners. Mr. Wayne Coldwell gave an overview of Cherokee Health Partners. Chair Baker Shaw inquired about the storage of records and the cost of the storage.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Baker Shaw requested Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. give a brief overview of the topping out ceremony at the new Hastings clinic. He announced Cherokee Days at the State Capitol is this Wednesday.*

*Councilor Dobbins requested young constituents interested in the medical field to please contact him.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:55 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Jones	Charles Grim	Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Canaan Duncan	Bret Hayes	Brian Hail
Solen Deerinwater	Elizabeth Odell	Chrissi Nimmo

*James Stallcup*  
*Chad Harsha*

*Jeff Sanders*  
*Wayne Coldwell*

*Doug Nolan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tahlina Nofire Blakestad*  
*Teddy Snell*

*Nate Lighthouse*