



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

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Monday, April 16, 2018

1:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Austin gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 15 - Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; 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** 2 - Wanda Hatfield and Bryan Warner

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Anglen made a motion to approve the March 12th regular session minutes. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Ms. Kathy Nelson reported they now have a full surgery staff and are looking for general surgery referrals. On June 2nd they will have their Annual Summer Kids Safety Fest. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the length of time the orthopedic patients have been sent to Oklahoma City. Chair Baker Shaw inquired as to why the ortho patients are being sent so far away.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Chair Baker Shaw on behalf of the Council congratulated Dr. Grim on officially being the new Executive Director of Health Services for Cherokee Nation. Dr. Grim provided a list of Our Doc's Rock Event award recipients and gave a brief overview of the event. He gave an update on the recruitment efforts. He offered to answer questions from the*

report provided. Chair Baker Shaw gave appreciation for their assistance with the provider surveys and requested an update be given to the committee. Councilor Anglen inquired about clinic medical director vacancies within the clinics. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the mold at the Wilma P. Mankiller Clinic in Stilwell. Councilor Buzzard inquired about behavioral health services at the Jay Clinic. Councilor Lay requested a new organizational chart for Health Services. Councilor Byrd commented on his attendance at the event supporting our doctors. He requested a presentation at a future meeting providing details on the recent trip to Baylor. Chair Baker Shaw asked if the physicians assistants and advanced nurse practioners allowed to attend the medical executives meetings. She inquired about the cancelations policy. She announced Dr. Lighthouse from NSU Optometry provided an update that glasses are not available to At Large citizens. She congratulated them on the increased third party revenue numbers and inquired what could be attributed to the increase. Councilor Taylor inquired if notifications are given to patients when their prescriptions are ready.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Lay made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:28 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>James Stallcup</i>	<i>Charles Grim</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>Bret Hayes</i>
<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Kathy Smith</i>
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