



# 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, May 14, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Councilor Dobbins gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Dick Lay; Keith Austin; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Frankie Hargis ; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor and Victoria Vazquez

**Late Arrival** 1 - David Walkingstick

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere reported St. Francis in Tulsa has asked to come to Claremore and provide Children's Hospital Outreach Education. They had several nurses attend the OU College of Nursing Evidence Based Practice Symposium in Tulsa. They are looking at ways to correct the issue with the east wall of the hospital as it has begun pulling away from the structure. A meeting was held with the governmental accounting office in regard to the Indian Health Service Memorandum of Understanding. A group of health care workers from South Africa stopped by on their tour through the U. S. and inquired about public health. Mr. Valliere gave an update on the emergency room renovation and the air conditioning replacement on the administrative side of the building. He provided an update on the collections, staffing as well as the classes and trainings held. The robots in pharmacy have been replaced and they now offer 3d mammogram screenings. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor*

*Taylor requested clarification on the OBGYN staff. Councilor Buzzard commented on the patient visits referred to in the report.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

*Dr. Grim announced an updated recruitment report has been provided then he gave details regarding the report. He then reported on highlights from the report provided including honoring hospital week and nurses' week. He provided highlights on the upcoming renovation of the old side of the Stilwell clinic. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the pharmacy at the Stilwell clinic. He also inquired about rides for those dental patients who aren't able to drive to an alternate location. He commented on the success of the recent physicians' survey. He requested the formation of a dental work group. He requested to be provided with the dental assistant career ladder and pay scale. Councilors Hatfield, Buzzard, Lay, Crittenden, Anglen, Walkingstick, and Shaw requested to be part of the work group. Councilor Byrd requested an update on the joint venture at a future meeting. He requested the update include the funds that have been drawn down to date on the line of credit and the process of the facility. Chair Shaw inquired why the ambulatory care patients visits for the year except Ochelata. She also inquired about a doctor being on leave at the Muskogee Clinic and those patients not being informed of their appointments being canceled or moved. She also inquired about those patients being able to get their medications during this leave of absence. She asked how to go about getting a copy of an EKG once it is performed. Chair Shaw inquired about the interim medical director. Dr. Grim introduced the new Interim Executive Medical Director, Dr. Doug Nolan and gave a brief summary of his background. Dr. Grim reported Dr. Stallcup has gone back to his former position to address issues that have arisen there. Councilor Buzzard inquired about calls from patients who were referred and in the system when Serna was coming on line and now are missing. Some of these patients are now getting bills. Councilor Dobbins requested Dr. Nolan give highlights from the OSU graduation and awards ceremony he recently attended. Councilor Dobbins added some statistics from the ceremony. He suggested investing more resources into medical education. Chair Shaw requested an update on the RVU system concerns. Councilor Lay inquired how long we have been using the Serna system. Councilor Warner suggested in the future the formation of Public Health Subcommittee to be held every other month at 11:00 a.m. on the last Thursday of the month. This would be held on the months where Culture committee didn't convene. He gave an overview for his requesting the formation of this subcommittee. Dr. Grim commented we are the only tribe with a Public Health Accreditation. He also touched on the pre-planning to be prepared for the new facilities to come online. Councilor Hatfield announced she was recently named to the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic. Councilor Byrd commented on the preventive health and the number of visits each month at the Markoma facility.*

## OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Dobbins announced on June 14th OSU Medical School is having a one day medical school camp at the Sequoyah gym.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

#### STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Doug Nolan</i>
<i>Jeff Sanders</i>	<i>Elizabeth Odell</i>	<i>Stephanie Wickliffe</i>
<i>Bill John Baker</i>	<i>Brian Hail</i>	<i>Charles Grim</i>
<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Canaan Duncan</i>	<i>David Moore</i>
<i>Brandon Scott</i>	<i>Tom Elkins</i>	<i>Shannon Buhl</i>

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>Phyllis Lay</i>	<i>Tahlina Nofire Blakestad</i>
<i>George Valliere</i>		