

Council of the Cherokee Nation

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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Tuesday, November 13, 2018

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Taylor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner; 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 - Dick Lay

Late Arrival 1 - David Walkingstick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Hargis moved to approve the October 15th regular session and the October 16th Public Health Sub as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report handed out. As of November 1st the Area Office said the orthopedic patients will start being seen in Tulsa. They have hired another full time OBGYN Doctor. Construction is to begin soon on the emergency room. He provided an update on the contract health staff location issue. He offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Austin gave additional information about the new location of the contract health staff.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Charles Grim

Dr. Grim provided information on the recall of the test strips as well as the process for notifying patients. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the life expectancy survey reported on during the last Public Health Sub. He also inquired about an update on the Stilwell Dental Clinic remodel. Councilor Taylor inquired if a lactation consultant visits all new mothers at Hastings. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the new law in regard to pain medication prescriptions. Councilor Warner gave appreciation for assistance given in Sequoyah County. Chair Shaw inquired if a final survey to determine if we are in compliance has been completed at this time. She asked about the pharmacy formulary being placed on the website. She requested an update on the health website status. Councilor Hatfield requested clarification in regard to a citizen being in the health system at one clinic or hospital if other clinics within our system could also see the information. Councilor Walkingstick requested clarification on a contract health issue. Council members requested Steve Carey's contact information. Chair Shaw inquired how they will go about staffing the new clinic next fall. Assistant Attorney General, Chrissi Nimmo, announced there may be an issue with some of the equipment purchases for the new clinic in regard to the quickness. She provided a brief explanation and commented they would be bringing forward a resolution in regard to this issue. Several questions were asked of this issue in regard to the signatures, contracts, TERO and if it would be specific to the health equipment for this clinic.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Vazquez requested a moment be given to Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. for an announcement. SOS Hoskin Jr. announced they are transitioning some duties within Administration. Taryn King will be the primary contact and Liaison for the Council and Todd Enlow will handle the routing of reports and other legislative matters. Their contact information will be provided.

Councilor Crittenden inquired if the Election Commission would be present at the special meeting for questions.

Dr. Charles Grim announced it is the last week here for General Health Counsel, Elizabeth Odell, as she will be taking a new role at Northeast Health Systems.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Hargis moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:46 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chrissi Nimmo Elizabeth Odell Steve Jones
Charles Grim Brian Hail Steve Carey
Brandon Scott Todd Enlow Jeff Sanders
Chuck Hoskin Jr. Bill John Baker Taryn King

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere Teddye Snell Tahlina Nofire Blakestad