



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE - PUBLIC HEALTH

*Mike Dobbins, Chair*

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Thursday, February 28, 2019

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Warner gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Duncan and Crittenden requested to be member of this subcommittee.*

**Present** 11 - Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Buel Anglen; Keith Austin; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Bryan Warner ; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden and Canaan Duncan

**Absent** 1 - Harley Buzzard

**Late Arrival** 1 - Rex Jordan

### REPORTS:

#### 1. CHEROKEE NATION PUBLIC HEALTH

Lisa Pivec, MS, Senior Director, Public Health

*Ms. Pivec provided a handout of an executive summary of the heart disease in Cherokee Nation report. The full report was provided earlier in the week by email. Dr. Gahn gave an overview of the summary report. Councilor Shaw requested a breakdown by men and women. Councilor Crittenden inquired how the numbers were obtained. He inquired about the possibility of getting a facility like Markoma in all districts. He inquired about the funding for it and if there are any grants to assist with this for the other districts. Councilor Crittenden suggested a work group for community health facilities in each district. Councilors Crittenden, Taylor, Anglen, Warner, Duncan, Smith and Dobbins requested to be part of the work group. Chair Dobbins suggested working with existing gyms in the district to see if they would offer discounts. He requested the work group report back to the subcommittee at the next meeting. Councilor Shaw inquired if the life expectancy numbers could be inflated in Adair county due to inaccurate completion of death certificates. Dr. Gahn gave an*

*update on the CDC life expectancy report for Adair county. Councilor Warner suggested Ms. Pivec be included in the work group. Councilor Taylor inquired how the heart disease numbers for the Cherokee Nation compare to the population as a whole. Councilor Austin inquired if the CDC is retracting their findings in the Adair County life expectancy report. Chair Dobbins requested a report showing the life expectancy of a rural Cherokee versus an urban Cherokee.*

2. STATE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION'S HEALTH  
David Gahn, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Public Health

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Shaw seconded the motion.  
The motion carried at 12:59 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Taryn King  
Lisa Pivec*

*Todd Enlow  
Chrissi Nimmo*

*David Gahn*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddye Snell*