



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, July 15, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Smith gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 12 - Rex Jordan; Wanda Hatfield; Shawn Crittenden; Buel Anglen; Bryan Warner ; Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith and Victoria Vazquez

Late Arrival 5 - Dick Lay; David Walkingstick; Keith Austin; Janees Taylor and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Dobbins moved to approve the regular session and the Public Health Sub minutes as submitted. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Gary Lang reported for Mr. Valliere. He gave an update on the report provided. Councilor Buzzard requested additional information on the emergency room remodel. Chair Shaw inquired how far out they schedule appointments specifically the dental appointments.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. He responded to Councilor Buzzards questions from the month prior. An update was given on the new outpatient building. Councilor Crittenden inquired what an elective procedure referral is and if there is a list and who determines if it is elective and whether it will be approved or not.

He inquired if patients are asked to take out insurance if they don't have private insurance. He also inquired about patients only having Medicare part A. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the Stilwell Clinic. Councilor Dobbins gave an update from a meeting held regarding the frustration with the new dental patient process and wait. Chair Shaw inquired if our health care professionals current salaries are competitive. She inquired if we utilize insulin pumps. She asked if there is a form for At Large citizens who are referred out for services. Councilor Crittenden requested a few moments for a couple of citizens to speak about some of their concerns. Chair Shaw suggested meeting with them and possibly Mr. Jones and Mr. Carey following this meeting. Councilor Shambaugh voiced concern for the distance of the handicapped parking from the Jay Clinic.

PACE - Thelma Pittman

Ms. Thelma Pittman and Ms. Connie Davis provided a handout and gave an update. Ms. Davis announced they are now up to 180 participants. They have started construction of the new administration building. Councilor Byrd inquired about the location of the administration building and requested to see the design plans. Ms. Davis reported invitations would be sent to the open house. Ms. Davis announced they are in the process of expanding services to Muskogee. Councilor Buzzard commented on the expansion of services and requested the rural communities not be forgotten. He commented they don't have ambulance services or hospitals in most rural communities. Councilor Dobbins inquired how many of the participants are Cherokee. He also inquired about the services provided at the Elder Care center. Councilor Crittenden requested confirmation that the building isn't Cherokee Nation owned and the staff are Cherokee Nation employees. Chair Shaw inquired about operating at a loss and who is responsible for covering the loss. She also asked about the number of inquiries daily requesting to participate in their services.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:57 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>Chrissi Nimmo</i>	<i>Todd Enlow</i>	<i>Taryn King</i>
<i>Thelma Pittman</i>	<i>Connie Davis</i>	<i>Roger Montgomery</i>
<i>Steve Carey</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>	<i>Bill John Baker</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

Gary Lang

Tahlina Nofire Blakestad

Teddye Snell