

## **Council of the Cherokee Nation**

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council 17763 S. Muskogee Ave. Tahlequah, OK 74464

# Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE - PUBLIC HEALTH

Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Thursday, August 29, 2019

11:00 AM

**Tribal Council Offices** 

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Membership was established of those Council Members elected in the 2019 elections. Councilors Byrd and Shambaugh were present but not members of the committee.

Present 12 - Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; Harley Buzzard; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Shawn Crittenden; Wes Nofire and Keith Austin

Late Arrival 2 - E. O. "JR." Smith and Canaan Duncan

#### **REPORTS:**

CHEROKEE NATION PUBLIC HEALTH
 Lisa Pivec, MS, Senior Director, Public Health

Chair Dobbins gave an overview of the purpose of this subcommittee. Both Ms. Pivec and Dr. Gahn gave a brief summary of their background.

Ms. Pivec gave an overview of the report provided along with an update. An extensive update was given on the Lynn Institute in regard to the Adair County life expectancy report and the recent findings document. Once the document is cleared through Cherokee Nation Internal Review Board it will be provided to the Council. Dr. Gahn introduced Dr. Brady Garrett a new member of their staff. Councilor Taylor requested additional information on the Healthy Native Classes. She also inquired if non-natives could attend the diabetes classes. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the Adair County study findings would provide ammunition to help getting a facility like Markoma through grants or other types of funding. Councilor Shaw inquired if we have an alcohol program. Councilor Byrd inquired if there is any data from the Markoma membership showing their success such as weight loss. He commented on the need for the

success stories to be publicized. He inquired about the funding for Markoma. Chair Dobbins commented to the new members about the work group formed, a while back, for each community to have facility or partnership with private gyms. He inquired about the timeline and survey update from Ms. Pivec. Councilor Vazquez requested the consideration of transportation to the facilities within the communities. Councilor Deere suggested considering phone app incentives. Councilor Crittenden inquired about having a community forum once the Lynn Institute document is released and the area survey is complete. Lastly Ms. Pivec commented on the Project 20 program highlighted in the report.

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 Shaw moved to adjourn. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:47 p.m.

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Pivec David Gahn Taryn King

Chuch Hoskin Jr. Bryan Warner Taralee Montgomery

Tina Glory Jordan Ashley Comiford Brady Garrett

### VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown