



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Tuesday, October 15, 2019

2:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Byrd gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 14 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg and Dora Patzkowski

**Absent** 3 - Julia Coates; Joe Deere and Wes Nofire

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Legg moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Mr. Valliere provided an update from the report provided and offered to answer questions. Councilor Byrd inquired about the flu this year. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the priority approval list in contract health.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Jones gave an overview of the report. He announced they have been awarded a HIV grant similar to the Hep C grant. They have just completed the accreditation for the Jack Brown Center. Behavioral Health has been awarded a \$1.4ml TORG grant for opioid issues. They also received a \$1ml per year for four years Systems of Care grant to expand the HERO grant to the other clinics. He provided an update on the Stilwell clinic renovation as well as the Tahlequah Outpatient Clinic. Childers*

Architect have been notified the outpatient facility has been nominated, by the American Building and Contractors, for the Mega Project of the Year. Dr. Jones gave an update on the Resource Corporation of America and Affordable Care Act as requested by Chair Shaw. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of dental chairs in the outpatient clinic and the recruiting of providers. Councilor Crittenden inquired when the Stilwell Clinic will reopen. He also asked if we are preparing for the upcoming flu season in regard to having enough staff on shifts. Councilor Legg inquired about the computer delays at the Redbird Dental clinic. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the Jay Clinic and all other clinics having reserved parking spaces for veterans and expecting mothers. Councilor Shambaugh gave appreciation for assistance provided to a constituent. Chair Shaw requested clarification on the main entry of the new outpatient clinic, if there is a map to direct patients, and will the way finders always be volunteers or actual staffing. Chair Shaw suggested a map directory for the artwork. She also inquired about the possibility of visiting Baylor again in regard to their research. Councilor Byrd inquired if the way finder volunteers are receiving good feedback. Councilor Crittenden inquired about Cherokee speakers on staff in the clinic.

Cherokee Nation Home Health &  
Cherokee Nation Hospice - April Moore

Mr. Rucker gave an overview of the report provided in the absence of Ms. April Moore. Ms. Penny Gifford reported on events recently held and some upcoming events. Mr. Rucker also provided an update on the underfunded and non-funded patients as requested. A request was made by Chair Shaw to research the legalities.

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Austin announced in September the National Indian Health Board at a gala event our former Junior Miss Cherokee, Katelyn Pinkerton, was awarded the Outstanding Service Award for her work.

Councilor Dobbins commented our medical school is opening in ten months therefore the time is upon us to move forward with the medical scholarships as previously discussed. He provided an update on this topic from the work group.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:53 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Odell	Nikki Limore	Debra Proctor
Roger Montgomery	Steve Jones	Steve Carey

*Bryan Warner  
Tina Glory Jordan  
Penny Gifford*

*Chuck Hoskin Jr.  
Tralynna Scott*

*Taralee Montgomery  
Matt Rucker*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Teddy Snell*

*Tim Brown*

*George Valliere*