



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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Tuesday, November 12, 2019

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 15 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

Absent 1 - E. O. "JR." Smith

Late Arrival 1 - Joe Byrd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor moved to approve the October regular session minutes.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an overview of the report provided. Chair Shaw inquired about the new emergency room. She also inquired about the diagnosis for the 20% increase in patient visits. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the clinic using the parking at the expo center.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Mr. Jones gave highlights from the written report provided. He provided an update on the reorganization process in health that will help them be more efficient and allow them to have care teams rather than providers. They are in the process of reviewing all

of their service agreements. An update was given on the services moving to the new outpatient clinic. Mr. Jones reported on the progress and changes for the Stilwell clinic renovation. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if an administrator has been hired for the Jay Clinic. Councilor Vazquez inquired if the audiology clinic is open at the new clinic and the process for an appointment. Councilor Nofire inquired as to the percentage of the IPA employees and the benefits of an IPA employee versus a regular employee. He also inquired about an IPA employee wanting to be a regular employee having to go through the human resources hiring system. Councilor Dobbins inquired if there is a physical closeness of our insulin and flu vaccinations. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for the walk-in appointments at the clinics. He also inquired about mental health doctors. Councilor Buzzard requested an update on the consideration of the parking signs for the veterans and expecting mothers. He inquired about the plan for the now vacant buildings at the Markoma campus. Councilor Crittenden gave appreciation for the providing transportation to an elder. He suggested more education on the referral system. Councilor Byrd commented on the visit last week from the Mercy Hospital officials and the tour they were given. He requested additional information on public health working with Sequoyah High School on an aquaponics system. Chair Shaw inquired which departments still need to move to the new out patient clinic. She inquired about pharmacy counseling, and an art directory for the new out patient clinic. Chair Shaw inquired about an elder support group, are the elders given a second flu shot or a higher dosage, why are citizens required to show their blue card at their optometry appointments, and does the cardiology department report on cerner. Chair Shaw asked about our ownership or interest in the MRI equipment at Northeastern Health System. What services will still be at Northeastern Health System once the new clinic is fully operational. She also requested At Large patients be required to sign something stating they are responsible for charges when referred to an outside facility. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the status of the televisions for the waiting rooms at the Jay clinic.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grand opening of the new outpatient clinic will be on Thursday at 11:00 in the atrium.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Taylor moved to adjourn. Councilor Shambaugh seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:41 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery
Nikki Limore*

*Elizabeth Odell
Tom Elkins*

*Steve Jones
Tina Glory Jordan*

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Teddye Snell

Tim Brown