



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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Thursday, June 25, 2020

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

Present 13 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

Absent 2 - Rex Jordan and Daryl Legg

Late Arrival 2 - Victoria Vazquez and Canaan Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the February 10th regular session minutes and the February 27th Public Health minutes. Councilor Deere seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones reported on the changes they made beginning with the first COVID-19 report to current. This month we have taken over the family practice residency program that was at Northeast Health Systems. Two additional audiologist start next week. On July 6th the OSU Medical School students will begin classes in the New Outpatient facility until construction is complete on the school. On July 7th a new medical assistant program in which Health, Career Services and Indian Capitol Technologies have work

together on will start their first class. The prescription refill center will be moving from the Three Rivers Clinic to Tahlequah in the CDC building, the transition will begin in late July. He commented on the staff and how they have all stepped up to the challenges during the pandemic. Councilor Deere inquired about the hiring of staff during the pandemic and the employee morale at the various clinics. He also inquired if the hiring process is any faster than it has been in the past. Councilor Coates requested the verbal report be provided in written form. She inquired about an internship for an ultrasound tech. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the drive thru COVID-19 testing. He also requested an update on the Metformin shortage. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the level of contract health spending over the last ninety days. Councilor Shambaugh commented on the Salina drive thru clinic and commended the health staff for all of their efforts. He inquired if Mr. Carey with Contract Health needed additional staff. Councilor Taylor inquired about patients being able to take their contract health bills to their clinic. Councilor Crittenden requested an update on the Stilwell clinic construction. He inquired about the process for employees of the Nation or any entity getting tested due to exposure to COVID-19. Councilor Nofire inquired about the number of COVID-19 test received and used. He also inquired about the health providers being able to reach the RVU and bonuses through the pandemic. Councilor Shambaugh commented the hazard pay is a great thing. Councilor Buzzard stated he is proud of the care the tribe has provided. He inquired about the number of tribe members within the fourteen counties that have tested positive. Chair Shaw requested clarification on the malignant Hypothermia referred to in the report. She also inquired if the normal meetings schedule would resume in August. She requested the Health Care staff be applauded for only having one-hundred-sixty-nine positive cases.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery Todd Enlow Chuck Hoskin Jr.

Remote attendance:
Steve Jones Roger Montgomery

VISITORS PRESENT:

Teddy Snell Tim Brown