



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*

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Monday, July 20, 2020

9:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Legg gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 17 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the June 25th regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*no one was available to report.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Jones gave an overview of the report provided. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the ventilators are in as much demand now with COVID-19. Councilor Legg inquired about an elder who was on market place insurance which was cancelled, they were then enrolled in 1920 insurance, now the IRS is billing them for \$11,000. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if Home Health is still going into residences to assist patients. Councilor Buzzard voiced concern for dental appointments being cancelled when private dental facilities are performing routine appointments. He inquired about the increase in children with COVID-19. Dr. Jones stated he would provide a report*

*showing the number of positive cases by age group. Councilor Buzzard voiced difficulty with the 580 area code calls going through to the new outpatient clinic. Chair Shaw inquired how often the COVID task force meets. Councilor Byrd inquired about the purpose of moving the refill center from Three Rivers. Councilor Nofire inquired if there are plans to expand the behavioral health care in regard to increased numbers of patients with depression due to the COVID-19. Councilor Smith inquired if the expansion of eyeglasses to the At Large would affect those already on the waiting list. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if the COVID-19 testing tent at the Salina Food Distribution had been replaced after the recent storm. Chair Shaw inquired if the patients who test negative for COVID-19 are contacted. She inquired if patients in the hospital are now allowed visitors. She requested clarification on the top three diagnosis. Lastly she inquired about the number of residence in the OSU medical school program.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

*None pending.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*None pending.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Legg moved to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:53 a.m.**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

*Todd Enlow                      Taralee Montgomery*

*Remote:  
Steve Jones*

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

*Teddye Snell                      Tim Brown*