



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
17675 S. Muskogee Ave.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464

## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

*Mary Baker Shaw, Chair*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain Coke*  
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Thursday, August 27, 2020

9:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Councilor Deere gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

**Present** 16 - 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; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

**Late Arrival** 1 - Shawn Crittenden

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

*Not present to report.*

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

*Dr. Jones gave an update from the report provided. Councilor Dobbins inquired if the dental clinic is open. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the number of children testing positive for COVID-19. He requested an update on his request for designated parking spots for expecting mothers and veterans. He asked about the orange fencing around the Hastings area. Lastly, Councilor Buzzard commented the patients like the late appointments and hope they continue. Councilor Nofire inquired about primary care physicians and surgeons not renewing contracts. He also inquired if the number of*

*doctors in the ER has increased during the pandemic. Councilor Dobbins inquired about the aerosol machines to be purchased for dentistry. Chair Shaw inquired if we have a nursing shortage, a shortage of beds in the hospital, and if they are prepared for a spike in the COVID cases once school starts. She also inquired about the upcoming flu vaccine. Councilor Legg inquired about the RN and LPN programs with a payback of time worked within our system. Councilor Buzzard commented he has received complaints that the providers aren't introducing themselves and aren't being courteous.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Shaw announced Mr. Valliere is in quarantine.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Legg made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Nofire seconded the motion. The motion carried at 9:56 a.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery                      Todd Enlow*

*Remote:  
Steve Jones*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tim Brown                      Teddye Snell*