



# 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, October 13, 2020

1:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### INVOCATION

Councilor Austin gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilor Coates attended remotely.*

**Present** 15 - Mary Baker Shaw; Mike Dobbins; Harley Buzzard; Joe Byrd; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Canaan Duncan ; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Shawn Crittenden; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire

**Late Arrival** 2 - Mike Shambaugh and Joe Deere

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the September 14th regular session and the September 24th Public Health Sub as submitted. Councilor Duncan 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 overview of the report provided. He also gave a COVID update, reported on a clinical trial coming to the Cherokee Nation. The flu clinic has begun for the season. He gave appreciation for all the hard work of the employees. Councilor Crittenden inquired if portable restrooms are available to family waiting on patients, about a family member being able to visit during major surgeries or hospital stays,*

*about the accuracy of the COVID testing and about telemedicine. Councilor Duncan inquired about the top diagnosis by clinic not being listed in the report. He also inquired about how soon the results will be known in regard to the clinical trial. Councilor Byrd commended the staff for the outstanding job each of them do day in and day out. Councilor Austin gave appreciation to the introductions of new providers and staff on social media but suggested it be done more consistently and an email also be provided to the Council. Chair Shaw inquired about the number of patients being seen by telemedicine. She requested additional information on the new Deputy Medical Director. She inquired if sign on bonuses offered by others hurt in our recruiting processes. Chair Shaw inquired who pays for the drive thru COVID testing. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about what to do for families, who have had a member of the household test positive for COVID, sanitize their homes. Councilor Dobbins inquired if it a normal practice to release the names of our new hires. Councilor Deere inquired about the closest drive thru flu clinic to Tulsa.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chair Shaw announced for the mask to work you must wear them properly and cover your nose.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Vazquez moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:58 p.m.**

#### STAFF PRESENT:

*Todd Enlow                      Taralee Montgomery                      Bryan Warner*

*Remote:  
David Moore                      Steve Jones*

#### VISITORS PRESENT:

*Janice Randall                      Tim Brown                      Teddye Snell*