



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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Monday, November 16, 2020

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Coates attended remotely.

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

Absent 2 - E. O. "JR." Smith and Rex Jordan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Deere moved to approve the October minutes as submitted.
Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere was not present to report and no written report was provided. Councilors requested contact be made to contact him. Speaker Byrd requested a test remote meeting with Mr. Valliere prior to the next meeting.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. He also provided updates on the construction projects, Surveys and accreditations, flu clinics, COVID, dental clinic is emergency only, the closing of Markoma gym, and the staff. He requested everyone help spread the word to refrain from large gatherings over the holidays. He requested

Dr. David Gahn give an update on COVID. Dr. Gahn gave a powerpoint presentation pertaining to COVID-19. Councilor Deere inquired about the vaccine distribution plan and staffing. Councilor Taylor requested clarification on testing at the Salina Clinic versus testing at the Tahlequah Clinic. Councilor Duncan announced there are some elderly ladies who want to bring meals to the health care workers. The meals would be in prepackaged containers. Councilor Dobbins inquired if both of the vaccines are requiring two doses. Councilor Shambaugh requested the report show contract health by the number who apply monthly rather than by percentage. He inquired about COVID deaths by age group and which groups are more susceptible. Councilor Shambaugh also inquired if a janitor had been hired at the Sam Hider Clinic. Councilor Crittenden inquired if the protocol is still to be notified if you test positive and negative results are found through you patient portal. Councilor Buzzard inquired about the policy on nebulizers. Chair Shaw inquired if we have the ability to store the vaccine.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. UPDATE - OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at Cherokee Nation

Dr. Bill Pettit, Dean of the Cherokee Nation OSU Medical School gave a powerpoint presentation of the new facility and offered to answer questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Shaw inquired if the committee would like to continue to stop the quarterly reports from Home Health and PACE.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dobbins moved to adjourn. Councilor Legg seconded the motion. The motion carried at 2:15 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Taralee Montgomery

Todd Enlow

Remote:

Steve Jones

Roger Montgomery

David Gahn

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Remote:

William Pettit