



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal  
Council  
17763 S. Muskogee Ave.  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE - PUBLIC HEALTH

*Mike Dobbins, Chair*

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Thursday, February 25, 2021

11:00 AM

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

### INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

### ROLL CALL

*Councilors Coates, Deere and Shaw attended remotely.*

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

### REPORTS:

1. CHEROKEE NATION PUBLIC HEALTH  
Lisa Pivec, MS, Senior Director, Public Health

*Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided.*

2. STATE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION'S HEALTH  
David Gahn, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Public Health

*Dr. Gahn gave an update on COVID-19 through a PowerPoint presentation. They will be implementing a vaccine hesitancy campaign. Councilor Vazquez inquired why a bump in cases was expected in the summer. Chair Dobbins inquired about outdoor transmission rates for COVID. Councilor Taylor inquired who the Cooperative Agreements were with. Councilor Buzzard inquired if the number could be drilled down to communities. Councilor Legg inquired if you could have the flu and COVID at the same time. Chair Dobbins inquired if they are testing for platelets antibodies. He also inquired if tests come back positive for antibodies should you vaccine or wait. Chief of Staff Enlow gave appreciation to the Public Health Team for all of their hard work and dedication. He announced Phase 3 would begin today. Phase 3 opens up vaccinations for any citizen age 16 and over and citizen beneficiaries. Chair Dobbins*

*inquired about the status of bringing back all of the employees. Councilor Buzzard inquired if beneficiaries included non-native spouses. Councilor Legg inquired if both vaccines were available at all clinics. Councilor Crittenden requested clarification on who is now available to get the vaccine. Councilor Vazquez inquired about the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Councilor Shaw inquired about if we have a choice on administering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine as it isn't as effective. Councilor Smith requested clarification if the Phase 3 would be publically announced today. Councilor Austin requested clarification as to if it is a CDIB or citizenship card requirement. Chair Dobbins inquired if the conclusions from the OU health survey would be available at the next meeting.*

OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

NEW BUSINESS

*None pending.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Legg made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried at 11:53 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Nick Hammons                      Taralee Montgomery                      Todd Enlow*

*Remote:*

*Lisa Pivec                      David Gahn*

VISITORS PRESENT:

*Tim Brown                      Teddye Snell*