



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, April 12, 2021

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Buzzard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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 Jordan made a motion to approve the March regular session minutes as submitted. Councilor Dobbins seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Councilor Austin thanked Claremore Indian Hospital in cooperation with Rogers County Health Board for their vaccination clinic. The one-day clinic vaccinated 5,000 people. A follow-up event is scheduled this Wednesday.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided along with an update on COVID, the clinics and the expansions. He offered to answer questions from the report provided. Councilor Coates inquired if any of the clinics offer diagnosis and treatment of de macular degeneration for At Large citizens. Councilor Buzzard inquired as to the number of behavioral health providers. He requested the number of behavioral health patients be broken down by age group. He also inquired if anyone has reported reactions to the COVID vaccines. Councilor Byrd inquired if our COVID vaccines are included in the numbers the State reports. Councilor Legg inquired if they are able to test for the COVID variant. Chair Shaw inquired if there is a patient benefits coordinator for At Large citizens. She inquired if our employees are required to take

the COVID vaccine.

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere provided an update from the report. Councilor Deere inquired if they are providing lab classes. Councilor Buzzard inquired if they have had any serious reactions to the COVID vaccines.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Duncan moved to adjourn. Councilor Jordan seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:21 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Jones

Todd Enlow

Taralee Montgomery

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown

Teddye Snell

*Remote:
George Valliere*