



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Tribal
Council
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE - PUBLIC HEALTH

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Thursday, April 29, 2021

11:00 AM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Shaw attended remotely.

Present 12 - Mike Dobbins; Mary Baker Shaw; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor;
Victoria Vazquez; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan;
Wes Nofire; Keith Austin and Julia Coates

Late Arrival 3 - Harley Buzzard; Canaan Duncan and Shawn Crittenden

REPORTS:

1. CHEROKEE NATION PUBLIC HEALTH

Lisa Pivec, MS, Senior Director, Public Health

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report. Councilor Austin inquired how one becomes involved in the Wings Program. Councilor Buzzard inquired which other tribes are accredited. He inquired how to go about reporting an incident to the CDC. Councilor Shaw inquired if they are still doing contact tracing. She also requested an opinion on when the social distancing would end, for example when could they sit next to each other in the Council Chambers for meetings.

2. STATE OF THE CHEROKEE NATION'S HEALTH

David Gahn, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Public Health

Dr. Gahn gave a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 EPI Update. He offered to answer questions from the presentation. Councilor Austin requested clarification on the age groups for the vaccinations. He inquired when those under sixteen years of age would be eligible for the vaccine. Councilor Smith inquired why the Leflore County numbers aren't included. Chair Dobbins inquired about influenza numbers this year.

He requested Ms. Pivec provide a status update on the quantitative and qualitative data by county.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Legg moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 11:44 a.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

*Lisa Pivec David Gahn Todd Enlow
Shannon Buhl*

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tim Brown Teddye Snell