



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Draft HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mary Baker Shaw, Chair

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Monday, May 17, 2021

1:00 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Mary Baker Shaw; Harley Buzzard; Mike Shambaugh; E. O. "JR." Smith; Janees Taylor; Victoria Vazquez; Keith Austin; Julia Coates; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski and Wes Nofire
Late Arrival 4 - Mike Dobbins; Joe Byrd; Canaan Duncan and Shawn Crittenden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the April regular session and the April Public Health Sub minutes as submitted. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere provided an update from the report provided. Councilor Taylor inquired if an appointment is needed for vaccines. Chair Shaw inquired about the process for getting a minor vaccinated. Councilor inquired if they are mandating vaccines for their employees. Councilor Byrd inquired what they are advising patients to get a booster. Councilor Buzzard inquired which vaccines they offer and if they have had any reactions to the vaccines reported.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. He provided the information requested on behavioral health Councilor Buzzard asked last month. He provided an update on COVID vaccines. Dr. Jones reported they do test for COVID on all dental

appointments. Councilor Buzzard requested clarification on the third party revenue at Hastings. He also requested clarification on the RBU system during the pandemic. Councilor Legg inquired if there is a mandate for the health employees be vaccinated. Councilor Nofire requested clarification on the May Executive Order from the Chief mandating employees be vaccinated. A request was made for the Executive Order to be sent to the Council. Councilor Legg inquired if anyone could lose his or her job if not vaccinated. Chair Shaw inquired about the number to call to schedule a vaccine. She inquired about possible effects to our contract health dollars in relation to Blue Cross Blue Shield and St. Francis Hospital. She inquired about the percentage of herd immunity at this time.

Chair Shaw requested Chief of Staff Enlow share with the Council the "Cherokee Wherever We Are" episode focused on the At Large and the pandemic.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dobbins moved to adjourn. Councilor Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:24 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

*Taralee Montgomery
Bryan Warner*

Todd Enlow

Steve Jones

VISITORS PRESENT:

George Valliere

Teddye Snell