



Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex
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Meeting Minutes - Final HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Mike Dobbins, Chair

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021

12:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilor Legg gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 14 - Julia Coates; Joe Deere; Rex Jordan; Daryl Legg; Dora Patzkowski;
Wes Nofire; Mike Shambaugh; Mike Dobbins; Candessa Tehee; Victoria
Vazquez; E. O. "JR." Smith; Joshua Sam; Melvina Shotpouch and
Johnny Kidwell

Absent 1 - Shawn Crittenden

Late Arrival 2 - Keith Austin and Danny Callison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Jordan moved to approve as submitted. Councilor Vazquez
seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an update on the COVID positivity rate, test performed and vaccines given. Following an overview of the report provided he offered to answer questions. Councilor Deere requested clarification on contract health workers and slower referrals. Chair Dobbins inquired about the Cherokee percentage of their total number of patients. He inquired if they monitor the patients who recover from COVID and if they offer the antibody testing.

Cherokee Nation Public Health - Lisa Pivec & Dr. David Gahn

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Nofire inquired about hosting an outdoor community meeting at this time. Chair Dobbins inquired about the health profile by district and when they would be available.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones provided a handout of upcoming community vaccination events. He announced there is an event today at the One Fire Field for Flu vaccines, COVID vaccines and COVID boosters. He provided highlights from the report provided. Councilor Deere inquired if there are phases for the booster shots. Are the boosters for Pfizer only. He inquired if Health Outreach is able to attend events. He inquired about the status of the Health re-organization. Councilor Shotpouch requested clarification on a patient health coordinator position. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if the Pfizer booster is compatible with the merdena vaccine. Councilor Callison inquired about a more economically friendly prescription packaging. He also requested clarification on funding assistance for patients getting medications outside our system. Councilor Austin inquired about age statistics and length of stay for the recent COVID patients. Councilor Shambaugh inquired about hazard pay for health employees. Councilor Tehee inquired about getting the Flu and COVID vaccines at the same time. Councilor Nofire made a statement to be placed in the record in regard to the targeted social media post. Councilor Smith suggested giving the vaccines during the upcoming food drives. Councilor Deere inquired about another vaccine drive at the Hard Rock. Councilor Tehee commended them for the hard work and dedication of the health care staff. Councilor Nofire inquired about submitting a request for vaccines at a drive up community meeting if planned out in advance. Chair Dobbins requested an overall review of the Medicaid expansion. He inquired if we are tracking the potential of the merk pill.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Austin moved to adjourn. Councilor Vazquez seconded the motion.
The motion carried at 1:24 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Jones
Todd Enlow

Lisa Pivec
David Moore

Taralee Montgomery

VISITORS PRESENT:

John Young

Teddy Snell

George Valliere