



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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Monday, August 15, 2022

12:30 PM

Tribal Council Offices

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobbins called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chair Dobbins gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present 16 - Keith Austin; Shawn Crittenden; 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; Danny Callison and Johnny Kidwell

Late Arrival 1 - Julia Coates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve the July minutes. Councilor Tehee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Claremore Service Unit - George Valliere

Mr. Valliere gave an update on their COVID numbers along with highlights from the report. Councilor Patzkowski requested clarification on the report and specifically the contract health amount paid for of the monthly collections. She requested how a deferred case is determined and what the process entails. She inquired what reporting clinical software is used. She requested a list of the Cherokee cases by case severity for those funded a month at a time for several months over the last year. Councilor Nofire inquired if a deferred case could be appealed. Clarification was requested if the 92% approval rating was all patients or just Cherokee citizens. Chair Dobbins commented on the struggle to find dental assistants in Claremore. He inquired if it is a requirement to be native to work for Indian Health Service. He requested clarification on the benefits package offered. Councilor Austin announced he sits on the IHS Advisory Counsel for the Seventeen Tribes. He offered to take any questions from this

body back to that advisory board.

Chair Dobbins requested Chief Hoskin address a draft Resolution pertaining to the Executive Branch performing a study of opportunities to improve contract health at Claremore. Chief Hoskin commented this resolution isn't for consideration today but to give thought and to address some of the issues raised here and possible placement on the agenda next month. Councilor Austin requested a reporting schedule be included in the resolution if it is brought forward for consideration.

Cherokee Nation Health Services - Dr. Steve Jones

Dr. Jones gave highlights from the report provided. Councilor Legg inquired if there has been consideration for inpatient rehab for surgical patients at the new hospital. Councilor Crittenden inquired about the behavioral health wait list. Councilor Shotpouch gave appreciation for the secret shopper to address the phone issues. Councilor Shambaugh inquired as to why the left without being seen numbers are higher. Councilor Callison inquired about a training for dental assistants and/or dental hygienists. Councilor Nofire inquired as to the percentage of patients who are Cherokee citizens versus non-citizens and those with and without health insurance. He suggested considering self-regulating citizens who are on low-income subsidy. Councilor Crittenden commented on the convenience of the phone appointment system. He requested clarification on contract health for At Large citizens and referrals. Councilor Callison gave appreciation for the meeting with the Contract Health Director. He requested clarification if a patient goes out on a referral does their bill come back to the Cherokee Nation or does it go to the patient. Councilor Shambaugh inquired if we contract with Grand Lake Mental Health. Councilor Smith commented the caller id for the hospital and clinics all be consistent. Chair Dobbins inquired about the temperature sensitive medications being mailed again.

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

Ms. Pivec gave highlights from the report provided. She offered to answer questions from the report provided. Chair Dobbins inquired about the Native Diabetes Program. Councilor Crittenden requested incentives be provided to the member of the wellness center in Stilwell.

Dr. Gahn provided an update on the current COVID numbers and gave the latest CDC guidelines. He also spoke of Monkey Pox.

OLD BUSINESS

None pending.

NEW BUSINESS

None pending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dobbins announced the Oklahoma College of Dentistry is opening a branch in Tulsa.

He also announced the Interim Dean of our OSU Medical School, Natasha Bray, will give a presentation at the next Health Committee.

Councilor Legg suggested asking Diane Kelley during Education Committee about a dental assistant program to assist with the shortage at Claremore.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Patzkowski made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried at 1:47 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

<i>David Gahn</i>	<i>Lisa Pivec</i>	<i>Steve Jones</i>
<i>Corey Bunch</i>	<i>David Moore</i>	<i>Taralee Montgomery</i>
<i>Janees Taylor</i>	<i>Chuck Hoskin Jr.</i>	<i>Tina Glory Jordan</i>

VISITORS PRESENT:

<i>George Valliere</i>	<i>Teddye Snell</i>	<i>John Young</i>
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