

EXECUTIVE ORDER
2021-7- CTH
CHEROKEE NATION TASK FORCE ON PHYSICAL WELLNESS

1. **AUTHORITY:** The Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation.
2. **POLICY:** It is in the national interest of the Cherokee Nation to maximize the physical wellbeing of Cherokee citizens as part of a comprehensive holistic approach to wellness. Cherokee Nation should periodically evaluate its physical wellness programs and to implement new programs, services and develop related capital projects. Cherokee Nation should fully implement the *Cherokee Nation Health and Wellness Fund Act* of 2021, LA 12-21 (March 18, 2021). To these ends, the creation of the Cherokee Nation Task force on Physical Wellness (“Task Force”) is warranted.
3. **Definitions:** Physical Wellness program means a comprehensive health initiative designed to maintain or improve well-being through proper diet, exercise, stress management and illness prevention.
4. **Composition of the Task Force:** The Task Force Shall Consist of:
 - a) Canaan Duncan, Senior Advisor, Public Health, who shall serve as Task Force Leader
 - b) Director of Cherokee Nation Community and Cultural Outreach, or his designee
 - c) Executive Director of the Education Department, or his designee
 - d) Up to two other members, who are employees of the Cherokee Nation, designated by Canaan Duncan, Senior Advisor, Public Health, and approved by the Principal Chief.
5. **Objectives of the Task Force**
 - a) Review the Cherokee Nation Public Health and Wellness Fund Act and reports issued therefrom.
 - b) Assess the availability and effectiveness of existing Cherokee Nation physical wellness programs.
 - c) Assess the availability of physical wellness programs, whether provided by Cherokee Nation or other commercial, nonprofit or governmental entities, to Cherokee citizens across the 14 county reservation, identifying gaps in availability.
 - d) As the primary means of meeting the other objectives set forth in this section, interview stakeholders or conduct surveys concerning availability and effectiveness of existing

Cherokee Nation physical wellness programs. Such stakeholders may include program staff, program participants, members of the Council of the Cherokee Nation and other Cherokee citizens.

- e) Make recommendations to the Principal Chief as to enhancing or creating physical wellness programs and construction of physical wellness facilities across the Cherokee Nation reservation.
 - f) Make recommendations to the Principal Chief with respect to any reorganization of governmental programs or departments in order to maximize the administration and delivery of programs and resources relating to physical wellness programs.
 - g) Make recommendations to the Principal Chief as to the creation of grant programs for Cherokee Nation Community and Cultural Outreach participating nonprofit organizations and other nonprofit organizations that have a substantial impact on Cherokee Nation communities.
 - h) Make recommendations to the Principal Chief as to appropriate engagement by Cherokee Nation with public schools to enhance physical wellness resources across the Cherokee Nation reservation.
6. **Reports of the Task Force:** The Task force shall issue interim reports and a final report to the Principal Chief on the subjects outlined in paragraph 5, with said final report to be received no later than **April 30, 2022**.
7. **Task Force An Internal Staff Working Group; Reports Made Public:** Although the Task Force is an internal executive branch working group and not a separate “public body” under Cherokee law, the reports it issues under paragraph 6 of this order shall be made available for public inspection on or after the date of issuance of its final report.
8. **Dissolution of Task Force:** The Task Force shall dissolve May 31, 2022.
9. **ORDER:** There is hereby established the Cherokee Nation Task Force on Physical Wellness.
10. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order is effective immediately on this 19th day of October, 2020.



Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation