

LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting
12-4-09
Open Minutes

Call to Order: 2:20 p.m. by Chairperson Heidi Bosma.

Attendance: Rochelle Ettawageshik, Bill Denemy, Debbie DeLeon, and Heidi Bosma.

Staff and Guests Present: Denneen Smith, LTBB Social Services Director and Lisa Ronk, LTBB Social Worker.

Director's Report: Verbal report given.

Prosecutor Report: None given.

Closed Session: Motion was made by Rochelle Ettawageshik to go into Closed Session at 3:30pm; Supported by Mr. Denemy. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session: Motion was made to return to Open Session by Rochelle Ettawageshik at 4:54pm; Supported by Ms. Bosma. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held regarding the ability to contact the Commission Chair. Mr. Denemy made a motion to pursue paying the difference between her current work phone plan and a higher plan based on CWC minute usage. Ms. Ettawageshik supported the motion which carried unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding the Foster Home Licensing process. It was agreed that the following suggested changes occur: Three original copies one for our records, one for Social Services and one for the home. Must also use the CWC stamp on originals. We should use the Recommendation number as the licensing number and issue it that day. Also maintain a complete file on each license which includes the application. It was also noted that the current rules do not include the allowance to issue a provisional license. Perhaps the provisional license should be the first step/ probationary period prior to the full license issuance.

It was also discussed that we should plan to do an annual foster home/parent appreciation/recognition gathering and do any ceremonial swearing in of new homes/parents at that time.

Public comment: Opened at 3:30pm and closed at 3:31pm.

Motion was made by Ms. Ettawageshik and supported by Mr. Denemy to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Ms. Ettawageshik to approve the Open Session Minutes for 11/6/09 as presented and the 11/6/09 closed session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Denemy. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasury Report: New laptop has not been received yet.

Chairperson's Report: As cases continue to increase in social services our role and responsibility as a commission becomes busy as well. Given the current work demand and working closely with social services we are finding it necessary to hold two meetings per month.

Old Business: None

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting **January 8, 2010 at 1:00 pm** and work session on Saturday, **January 9, 2010**. It was also decided to hold a work session to review and update the Licensing Regulations on Wednesday, **December 16, 2009 at 1:00 pm**. Chair will obtain location and inform everyone.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm was made by Ms. Ettawageshik and supported by Ms. DeLeon. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochelle Ettawageshik,
CWC Secretary