

LTBB CWC 11-5-10 Open Session

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LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting 11-5-10 Open Session Minutes

Call to Order: 3:05pm by Chairperson Heidi Bosma.

Attendance: Rochelle Ettawageshik, Bill Denemy, Debbie De Leon, Emily Proctor and Heidi Bosma.

Staff and Guests Present: Denneen Smith, LTBB Human Services Director, Lisa Ronk and Lisa Tollenar, LTBB Social Workers, and Matt Leskey LTBB Prosecutor.

Public comment: Opened and Closed at 3:10pm.

Approval of Minutes: Not available because the Chair was unable to logon to the CWC computer access to the computer to print off the minutes.

Closed Session: Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of correcting the Closed Session minutes at 3:15pm; Ms. Proctor supported the motion; Motion passed.

Director's Report:

- Looking to hire another social worker requiring a bachelor's degree; Ms Tiffany is leaving.
- Advised that she held a strategic planning session with her staff on Saturday.
- Ms. Smith reported that she would like social worker staff to specialize in certain areas, such as elder care, etc. Met with consultant/TA re: Title IV-E...it would cost approx \$150-200K to start Title IV-E program. Ms. Smith was advised that we would have to have ample cash to even start the program and that we don't really have the volume of kids at this point. Would also need to have the capability to interface with the Feds program and would need to rewrite the Child Protection Statute to comply. Also need to have an extra accounting person.
- Director's Coalition update: Eight tribes are now involved and working well together.

Return to Open Session: Mr. Denemy made a motion to return to Open Session at 4:45pm; Supported by Ms. Proctor; Motion passed.

Chair Report: Reminder that the meeting with LLC (Jerry Chingwa, Julie Shananaquet and Regina Bentley) that the CWC have been invited to attend by the Prosecutor's office will be at **9:00am on Wednesday, November 10, 2010**. He advised that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential changes to the Child Protection Statute that he is recommending to the LLC. Mr. Leskey further advised that there are different stakeholders involved in this entire Child Welfare process which also means that we each have different perspectives based on that and that the CWC should be a part of this discussion.

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39 Ms. Smith advised that the tribes have their own National Resource Center which provides technical
40 assistance for things such as rewriting our Child Protection Statute for free. We might want to consider
41 making the changes required by the Title IV-E.

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43 Attendance with travel and stipend costs had previously been voted on and authorized by this
44 Commission per 9-10-10 CWC Minutes for this meeting. The only piece missing was the date because it
45 had to be rescheduled. To reiterate, that date is now **Wednesday, November 10, 2010**.

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47 Also, the new date for the Collaboration meeting with Tribal Court, Prosecutor and Legal has been
48 rescheduled for **Friday, December 10, 2010**. It was previously scheduled for November 9th, but had to
49 be rescheduled due to conflicting schedules. This meeting was also previously authorized by the CWC to
50 attend and receive stipend, lodging and travel reimbursements per 10-1 -10 CWC Minutes. That
51 authorization remains noting that only the date was changed.

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53 It should also be reported that the Chair, Heidi Bosma, could NOT get into the CWC computer and
54 appears that she has been totally locked out. This is just another example of the ongoing technical
55 problems that the CWC continues to encounter.

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57 **Announcement:** Ms. Ettawageshik announced that the annual holiday bazaar fundraiser for NICWA is
58 scheduled for December 4, 2010 beginning at noon.

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60 **New Business:** Ms. Smith reported that the Mid-West Regional Child Welfare Implementation Center is
61 holding a Child Welfare Conference from November 30, through December 2, 2010 in Mystic Lake,
62 Minnesota. **All costs are reimbursable from this organization. Deadline to register is November 10,**
63 **2010. Travel arrangements must be made through the Center by November 12, 2010.** Ms.
64 Ettawageshik made a motion to authorize travel and attendance for the Chair, Heidi Bosma, to attend;
65 supported by Mr. Denemy. Motion carried unanimously.

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67 **Meeting Schedule:** Next meeting **December 3, 2009 at 3:00pm** with a work session scheduled for
68 **Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 10:00am.**

69 **Motion to adjourn** at 5:45pm was made by Rochelle Ettawageshik and supported by Bill Denemy.
70 Motion carried unanimously.

71 Respectfully Submitted,

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74 Debbie DeLeon
75 CWC Secretary