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3 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
4 **12-03-10**
5 **Open Session Minutes**
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7 **Call to Order:** 1:15pm by Chairperson Heidi Bosma
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9 **Attendance:** Heidi Bosma, Bill Denemy, Rochelle Ettawageshik, and Debbie DeLeon.

10 **Absent:** Emily Proctor and Matt Leskey, LTBB Prosecutor
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12 **Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Dept of Human Services Director
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14 **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the agenda; Supported by Ms.
15 Ettawageshik; Unanimously approved.
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17 **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the August 6, September 10,
18 October 1, 12, 20 and November 5, 2010 Regular/Emergency Sessions, and Closed Session
19 Minutes as amended; supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion was approved.
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21 **Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 1:30pm. No public in attendance.
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23 **Closed Session:** Ms. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 2:00pm; Ms. DeLeon
24 supported the motion; Motion passed.
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26 **Return to Open Session:** Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to return to Open Session at
27 1:55pm; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion passed.
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29 **Director's Report:**

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- 31 • Ms. Smith reported that the social worker position posting was extended to allow more
32 time for additional applicants. Eight have been received with 2 being LTBB members.
 - 33 • Held first mandatory foster parent training. The focus was on the parameters of
34 expectations of foster parents within the rules and regulations. Working on developing
35 a Positive Indian Parenting class—more info to come as it unfolds.
 - 36 • The Department will be doing the hat and mitten tree again. Reported they have
37 received numerous calls where parents have self referred.
 - 38 • **Title IV-E DRAFT agreement**—The Tribal Chairman has requested input from the CWC.
39 Ms. Smith previously submitted the agreement to legal who reviewed the document
and would be willing to sign off; a way to phase in to doing our own Title IV-E and build

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40 our way into applying for our own directly to the feds. The only thing that will cost the
41 Tribe money is an independent audit of any money that would be submitted for
42 reimbursement. A review and discussion ensued.

43 **Prosecutor's Report:** Mr. Leskey was unable to attend due to need to be in court.

44 **Treasurer's Report:** Current budget reviewed and needed changes noted under new business.

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46 **Chairperson's Report:** Chair reminded everyone of the upcoming meetings.

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48 Work session agenda items for tomorrow:

- 49 1. Meeting dates--every first Friday at 1pm-- finalize 2011 meeting schedule to
50 submit to Chairman's office for posting and reserving room 312.
- 51 2. Minutes--make sure they are all up to date
- 52 3. Develop Title IV-E recommendation to the Executive
- 53 4. Review current budget year for a modification--discussion was held today
54 regarding needed areas for change.
- 55 5. CWC Statute final review and Child Protection Statute review in preparation for
56 the upcoming meetings.

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58 **Old Business:** Discussion was held regarding the proposed changes to the CWC Statute--
59 especially the integration of the CWC Statute into the Child Protection Code.

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61 **New Business:**

- 62 • CWC requested that a spreadsheet be developed that would include case name, case
63 numbers, date of births, and type and status of case. The Chair will work with Ms.
64 Smith's staff to develop this document.
- 65 • A discussion was held regarding the need for a second laptop computer to help improve
66 efficiencies during meetings, such immediate preparation of any needed
67 recommendation for Tribal Court, State Court, etc. It was also noted that we need to
68 order supplies such as printer ink, flash drive, business cards for CWC members, etc.
69 The Chair also reported that she ended up buying her own cell phone and will use that
70 for CWC business and will not need a cell phone as previously approved. However, she
71 would prefer to apply that toward the cost of providing internet access. It should be
72 noted that the CWC has had repeated problems with having internet access during
73 meeting times in Room 312 and not able to get it resolved to date by MIS. It should also
74 need to be noted that Room 312 is very difficult to secure for any unscheduled,
75 including emergency, meetings. The Chair also shared that because of the internet
76 access issue, she purchased her own phone and data package, but has been unable to
77 download large documents. Mr. Denemy made the motion to pursue purchasing a new
78 laptop, any supplies needed, and wireless USB card for portable internet access for the
79 laptop. Ms. Ettawageshik supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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- 80 • Ms. DeLeon shared an invitation from the University of Michigan ILS program that she
81 received requesting an opportunity for the students in their leadership program to visit
82 the Tribe and learn more about leadership from a Sovereign Tribal Government
83 perspective to include education and child welfare issues. The program is held at the
84 UofM camp at Walloon Lake and they would like to visit the Governmental Complex to
85 interact with the Tribal Council and others. Ms. DeLeon will check with the Legislative
86 Leader to see if this could be worked out.

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88 **Announcements:** None

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90 **Meeting Schedule:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 7 & 8, 2010, at 1:00pm and
91 10am respectively.

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93 Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to approve any costs associated with the commission to
94 attend the following meetings as noted:

- 95 • **Friday December 10th 9:00** (Location: in court) scheduled collaborative meeting with
96 court.
97 • **Wednesday December 15th at 9:00** (location: rm 312) scheduled meeting with legal and
98 legislative committee.
99 • **Friday December 3rd at 1:00** (Location: rm 312 gov complex) regular scheduled
100 meeting.
101 • **Saturday December 4th at 10:00** (location: rm 312) work session.

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103 Supported by Mr. Denemy; Unanimously approved.

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105 **Adjournment:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Denemy supported the
106 motion. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

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108 Respectfully Submitted,

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110 Debbie DeLeon

111 CWC Secretary