

LTBB CWC 3-12-10 Open Session

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1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
2 **3-12-10**
3 **Open Session Minutes**

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5 **Call to Order:** 1:10pm by Chairperson Heidi Bosma

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7 **Attendance:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Bill Denemy, Debbie DeLeon, and Emily
8 Proctor.

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10 **Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Social Services Director, Lisa Ronk, LTBB Social Services
11 Worker, Tiffany Willis, LTBB Social Worker and Matt Leskey, LTBB Prosecuting Attorney

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13 **Approval of Minutes:** Postponed

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15 **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the agenda with no additions;
16 Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Unanimously approved.

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18 **Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 1:16pm; Supported by
19 Ms. Ettawageshik; Unanimous decision.

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21 **Open Session:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to return to Open Session at 3:11pm; Ms.
22 Proctor supported the motion; Unanimous decision.

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24 **Public Comment:** Opened at 4:15 pm and closed at 4:16 pm.

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26 **Director's Report:** Ms. Smith reported the creation of the Tribal Social Services Directors
27 Coalition of Michigan. Membership includes 9 of the 12 Tribes (Huron, Hannahville and GTB are
28 the ones currently not participating). They will be advising the Tribal State Partnership that
29 they will not be participating until they are more organized. When accomplished, the TSSDCM
30 will invite the Tribal State Partnership to a meeting.

31 Ms. Smith will be sending 3 staff members to the NICWA conference in Portland.

32 **Treasurer's Report:** In progress.

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34 **Chairperson's Report:** Chair Bosma reported that travel for the NICWA Conference in Portland,
35 Oregon, April 11-14, 2010 has been approved for one to travel.

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37 **Old Business:**

38 A. Status of state's codification of the ICWA into state law is requested.

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39 B. Review of Provisional Foster Home Licenses: of the 7 current licensed homes, two are in
40 provisional status and need to be addressed—either updated or terminated.

41 • **Proctor:** Provisional license issued in March 2009.....and needed to place a child
42 ...gave paperwork to complete updates

43 • **Bott:** Provisional license issued in October 2009 with no end date;

44 Ms. Ronk reported that she is in the process of licensing 5 current homes

45 It was decided that the licenses themselves would not have an expiration date, but that
46 an annual review would be conducted to ensure that the home is still in compliance.

47 A discussion took place regarding how to do an annual appreciation for our licensed
48 foster homes. It was decided that the first event could include a certificate of
49 appreciation and a gift. Ms. Smith reported that she has a small amount in her budget
50 that could cover the cost this year.

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52 **New Business:**

53 A. Reminder to complete paperwork from the 2-26-10 Emergency Meeting.

54 B. Everyone updated their contact info.

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56 **Meeting Schedule:** The March 13, 2010 meeting is not needed this month. The regularly
57 scheduled meeting for April falls on Good Friday and the Tribal offices will be closed, so the
58 next meeting will be scheduled for April 9 & 10, 2010.

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60 **Announcements:** Bill Denemy will be a Speaker at the *Keeping Families Together Conference* at
61 the MSU Kellogg Center on April 7 & 8. It will be on ICWA.

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63 **Adjournment:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20pm; supported by
64 Ms. Proctor; passed unanimously.

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66 Respectfully Submitted,

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70 Debbie DeLeon

71 CWC Secretary