

LTBB CWC 2-4-11 Open Session

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**LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting  
2-4-11  
Open Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 1:45pm by Chairperson Heidi Bosma

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

**Excused Absent:** Emily Proctor, due to illness

**Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Dept of Human Services Director and Matt Leskey, LTBB Prosecutor, and Tosha Bennington, LTBB Social Worker (newly hired and an LTBB citizen!! Way to go Denneen!).

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the agenda; Supported by Ms. DeLeon; Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the January 6, 2011 Open Session and Closed Session Minutes as amended; supported by Ms. DeLeon; Motion was approved.

**Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 1:28pm. No public in attendance.

**Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 1:55pm; Ms. Ettawageshik supported the motion; Motion passed.

**Return to Open Session:** Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to return to Open Session at 2:52pm; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion passed.

**Director's Report:**

- Hired a new social worker, Tosha Bennington who is also an LTBB Citizen; DHS is now at full capacity.
- Ms. Smith reported that she continues to work with USDHS to bring positive Indian parenting training...stay tuned so that CWC can plan to attend.
- Nominated and elected to be Co-Chair of the Tribal State Partnership.
- SCAO requested that she be a trainer for Training for SCAO
- Next Tribal State Partnership Meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and anticipated to be in Petoskey
- Ms. Smith will be submitting information to be included in a new resource manual being developed to present to state legislators.

**Prosecutor's Report:** Mr. Leskey was unable to attend because he had to be in court.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

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43 **Chairperson's Report:**

- 44 • Chair reminded everyone that Jim is expected to have a final draft for everyone's review within the  
45 next couple weeks or so and that she will advise everyone of a meeting date once that is received.  
46 • The Chair advised that she sent further communication to the Executive's office to further clarify the  
47 need to have a wireless card for internet access and is expecting to hear back soon.  
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49 **Old Business:** None

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51 **New Business:**

- 52 • The prosecutor will be doing an annual training for Tribal DHS staff on the Child Welfare Code on  
53 February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Ms. Ettawageshik made a **motion to approve any associated costs for any**  
54 **commissioner to attend**; supported by Ms. De Leon. Motion passed unanimously.  
55 • **National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Conference in Anchorage, Alaska** – LTBB is very  
56 fortunate to have a representative and the only Michigan representative, as well, serving on the  
57 NICWA Board, especially as an officer. The CWC recognizes how extremely valuable this  
58 representation has been especially in terms of access, knowledge and costs savings opportunities  
59 and feels it imperative to support Ms. Ettawageshik in her roll by attending this very valuable  
60 conference. Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to **approve any associated cost for any**  
61 **commissioner to attend** the National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference in Anchorage,  
62 Alaska; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion passed unanimously. More information is to follow.  
63 • **Safe and Stable Families Conference in Washington, D.C** -- All travel, lodging and registration  
64 expenses are paid for this event. **Covered** projected costs: Airfare \$800 + Lodging \$900 +  
65 Registration \$600 = \$2300 x 2 people = \$4600; **Uncovered** projected costs: Stipend \$400 + Per diem  
66 \$300 = \$700 x 2 people = \$1400. The savings are clearly substantial when compared to what the  
67 total cost would be to attend this conference. Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to **approve any**  
68 **associated uncovered cost for up to two commissioners to attend** the Safe and Stable Families  
69 Conference in Washington, D.C. in April 2011.  
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71 **Announcements:** Snowsnake is on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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73 **Meeting Schedule:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is **March 4 & 5, 2010, at 1:00pm and 10am**  
74 respectively at the LTBB Community Center. Next work session will be scheduled in approximately two  
75 weeks to meet to continue review and address changes regarding the Child Protection Statute with LTBB  
76 Legal, Prosecutor, and DHS.  
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78 **Adjournment:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to adjourn; Ms. De Leon supported the motion. Motion  
79 passed; meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.  
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81 Respectfully Submitted,

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83 Debbie De Leon

84 CWC Secretary