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3 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
4 **3-4-11**
5 **Open Minutes**
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9 **Call to Order:** 1:19pm by Chairperson Heidi Bosma

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

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13 **Staff and Guests:** Matt Leskey, LTBB Prosecutor, and Tosha Bennington, Kurtz-Tollenaar, and Lisa Ronk, LTBB
14 Social Workers

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

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19 **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to approve the February 4, 2011 Open Session and
20 Closed Session Minutes as amended; supported by Mr. Denemy; Motion was approved.

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22 **Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 1:25pm. No public in attendance.

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24 **Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 1:30pm; Ms. Ettawageshik
25 supported the motion; Motion passed.

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27 **Return to Open Session:** Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to return to Open Session at 2:48pm; Supported
28 by Ms. Proctor; Motion passed.

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30 **Director's Report:** No report

31 **Prosecutor's Report:** Mr. Leskey was unable to attend at this time because he had to be in court, but did join
32 the meeting before it was ended.

33 **Treasurer's Report:** No report

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35 **Chairperson's Report:**

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- Chair reminded everyone that Jim is expected to have a final draft for everyone's review within the next couple weeks or so and that she will advise everyone of a meeting date once that is received.
 - The Chair advised that she sent further communication to the Executive's office to further clarify the need to have a wireless card for internet access and is expecting to hear back soon.
 - Budget was sent from the Chairman's office.
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LTBB CWC 3-4-11 Open Session

MINUTES – Approved April 8, 2011

45 **Old Business:**

- 46 • **Safe and Stable Families Conference in Washington, D.C** -- All travel, lodging and registration
47 expenses are paid for this event. **Covered** projected costs: Airfare \$800 + Lodging \$900 +
48 Registration \$600 = \$2300 x 2 people = \$4600; **Uncovered** projected costs: Stipend \$400 + Per diem
49 \$300 = \$700 x 2 people = \$1400. The savings are clearly substantial when compared to what the
50 total cost would be to attend this conference. Previous month's action **approved any associated**
51 **uncovered cost for up to two commissioners to attend** the Safe and Stable Families Conference in
52 Washington, D.C. in April 2011. Even with all the projected savings, the Chair is still being denied
53 approval by the executive office.

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56 **New Business:**

- 57 • The prosecutor will be doing an annual training for Tribal DHS staff on the Child Welfare Code on
58 February 10th at 9am. Ms. Ettawageshik made a **motion to approve any associated costs for any**
59 **commissioner to attend**; supported by Ms. De Leon. Motion passed unanimously.
- 60 • **National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Conference in Anchorage, Alaska** – LTBB is very
61 fortunate to have a representative and the only Michigan representative, as well, serving on the
62 NICWA Board, especially as an officer. The CWC recognizes how extremely valuable this
63 representation has been especially in terms of access, knowledge and costs savings opportunities
64 and feels it imperative to support Ms. Ettawageshik in her roll by attending this very valuable
65 conference. Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to **approve any associated cost for any**
66 **commissioner to attend** the National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference in Anchorage,
67 Alaska; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion passed unanimously. More information is to follow.
- 68 • Meeting location for remainder of year—order of priority: 1st choice: Room 312; 2nd choice: Human
69 Services; 3rd choice: Community Center.

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71 **Announcements:** Ms. Proctor is planning another training entitled Building Strong Sovereign Nations on May
72 19 & 20 in Petoskey.

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74 **Meeting Schedule:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is **April 8 & 9, 2010, at 1:00pm and 10am**
75 respectively in Room 312. Next work session will be scheduled in approximately two weeks to meet to
76 continue review and address changes regarding the Child Protection Statute with LTBB Legal, Prosecutor, and
77 DHS.

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79 **Return to Closed Session:** Motion was made by Ms. Ettawageshik to return to closed session at 3:40pm.
80 Motion was supported by Mr. Denemy. Motion approved by unanimous decision.

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82 **Return to Open Session:** Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to return to Open Session at 4:10 pm; Supported
83 by Ms. Proctor; Motion approved by unanimous decision.

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85 **Adjournment:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to adjourn; Ms. De Leon supported the motion. Motion
86 passed; meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

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88 Respectfully Submitted,

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90 Debbie De Leon

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