

DRAFT MINUTES

1  
2 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**  
3 **5-6-11**  
4 **DRAFT Open Minutes**  
5  
6  
7

8 **Call to Order:** Chairperson Heidi Bosma called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Due to a  
9 miscommunication from Tribal Court, the meeting previously scheduled did not occur so in the  
10 interest and consideration for staff's time it was decided to proceed with the closed session  
11 part of the afternoon meeting.  
12

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

14 **Excused Absent:** Emily Proctor  
15

16 **Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Human Services Department Director and Lisa Kurtz-  
17 Tollenaar, LTBB Social Worker  
18

19 **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to approve the agenda; Supported by  
20 Mr. Denemy; Approved unanimously.  
21

22 **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the April 8, 2011 Open Session  
23 and Closed Session Minutes as amended; supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion was  
24 approved.  
25

26 **Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 10:11am; Ms.  
27 Ettawageshik supported the motion; Motion passed unanimously.  
28

29 **Return to Open Session:** Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to return to Open Session at  
30 11:24am; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Motion approved by unanimous decision.  
31

32 **Social Services Report:**

- 33
- 34 • Ms. Smith reminded everyone of the upcoming Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner on  
35 May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm, drum will be present and activities for kids;
  - 36 • Ms. Smith advised that she learned that a Title IV-E agreement was previously signed  
37 with the state in 1999 which requires placing kids in the Care and Supervision of DHS,  
38 and that Tribal Court indicated they are not interested in placing kids in this type of  
situation. However, it is currently the only way for the Tribe to access this funding;

## LTBB CWC 5-6-11 Open Session

### DRAFT MINUTES

- 39       • It is rumored that the Governor is eliminating funding for the Child Care Fund for Tribes,  
40       but unclear through what funding stream. However, it may not have a direct impact on  
41       this department;
- 42       • Ms. Smith was nominated and elected to continue as Co-Chair of the State Tribal  
43       Partnership; She is hoping that the next meeting will be held and hosted by LTBB.
- 44       • Ms. Smith reported that her department just received funding from Tribal Council to  
45       cover placement for children that other funding sources do not provide for with an  
46       implication to continue to include it in future budget cycles.

47       **Prosecutor's Report:** None

48       **Treasurer's Report:** None

49

50       **Chairperson's Report:**

51

- 52       • Travel Policy was reviewed in depth.
- 53       • Email was sent to notify the CWC that the Executive Office had not received several  
54       minutes for posting. However, later another was received advising that only one was  
55       missing.
- 56       • Final Draft of Code is still under development;
- 57       • Chair will contact the Treasurer for a budget status update;
- 58       • The Chair submitted a report on her experience from attending the **Safe and Stable**  
59       **Families Conference in Washington, D.C**—Chair Bosma was so glad that she attended  
60       because she found the information presented to be of exceptional value. The report is  
61       attached.

62

63       Motion was made by Mr. Denemy to attendance and associated costs the Foster Parent  
64       Appreciation and Recruitment Dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup>; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik;  
65       Unanimously approved.

66

67       **Old Business:** None

68

69       **New Business:** *Train the Trainer Positive Indian Parenting Training* is available for free from  
70       NICWA with the stipulation that we cover the meeting room and meal costs for 50 participants  
71       for three days. This is currently only available until September 30, 2011. If we cannot take  
72       advantage of this great opportunity at this time, it is possible that it may be available in their  
73       next fiscal year.

74

75       **Announcements:** Reminder of the upcoming training entitled **Building Strong Sovereign**  
76       **Nations** on May 19 & 20 in Petoskey. Ms. Proctor's office is sponsoring/presenting this event.

77

## LTBB CWC 5-6-11 Open Session

### DRAFT MINUTES

78 **Meeting Schedule:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is **June 3 & 4, 2010, at 1:00pm and**  
79 **10am** respectively in Room 312.

80

81 Meeting recessed at 11:50am for lunch.

82

83 Chair Bosma called the meeting back to order at 1:05pm.

84

85 **Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 1:10pm. No public in attendance.

86

87 **Adjournment:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to adjourned; Mr. Denemy supported the  
88 motion. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

89

90 Respectfully Submitted,

91

92 Debbie De Leon

93 CWC Secretary