

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 321**
3 **10-12-12**
4 **Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 12:50pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik,
7 Chair.

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9 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Steve Sochay,
10 Emily Proctor, and Debbie DeLeon

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12 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

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14 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Denneen Smith, Tribal Human Services Director and Lisa Kurtz
15 Tollenaar via telephone; Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara and Tribal Admin Al Colby.

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17 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Bosma made a motion to approve the agenda; supported by
18 Mr. Sochay; **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.

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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Sochay **made a motion** to approve as amended the
21 September 7, 2012 **Open and Closed Session**; supported by Ms. Bosma; **Vote:** 4 YES and -0-
22 NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.

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24 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was held at 12:56pm and closed at 12:57pm. Not in
25 attendance and no report made available.

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27 **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No report available

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29 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT (JUVENILE/DELINQUENCY REPORT):** No report available

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31 **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 1:04pm by Mr. Sochay;
32 seconded by Ms. Bosma. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion carried.

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34 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 3:46pm by Ms.
35 Proctor and supported by Ms. DeLeon. **Vote:** 3 YES and -0- NO with 2 absent; Motion carried.

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37 **OLD BUSINESS**

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39 **CULTURAL CONTRACT:** This item will be reviewed at a CWC work session tomorrow,
40 October 13th at 10am.

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42 Mr. Sochay submitted his written report on the training **MSU Extension Building Strong**
43 **Sovereign Nations Governance Training at Four Winds** in that he attended in New Buffalo
44 on October 9, 2012. His report was accepted and placed on file.

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46 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

MINUTES APPROVED NOVEMBER 3, 2012

- 48 • Announced that Dr. Suzanne Cross, Social Work Professor, will be retiring from MSU
49 and her retirement party is scheduled for December 7th.
- 50 • *Honoring Our Children Initiative Summit* is scheduled for November 9, 2012 in Sault Ste.
51 Marie. Inter-Tribal Council has received a W.K. Kellogg grant to cover the cost of travel,
52 staff time, and/or hosting community events/forums.
- 53 • Also provided a report from the training she attended on The Building Strong Nations, on
54 October 9.
- 55 • Reminder that NCAI is coming up in Sacramento in October 21-27th.
- 56 • Reported that the *Casey Foundation Title IV-E Summit date is November 5-6* at Soaring
57 Eagle Hotel & Convention Center. **A motion was passed at the last meeting to cover**
58 **the cost for any commissioner to attend.**
- 59 • Holiday bazaar—continues to work on preparations for that fundraising event and asked
60 for assistance from other members on the night before and day of the event—December
61 1st.

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63 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer was pleased to report that the distribution of funds
64 into the line items has now been completed. Also, laptop and mouse were received today.

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66 **NEW BUSINESS**

67 Serious concern was expressed regarding the lack of representation/non-attendance from the
68 Department especially in light of issues that have just come up regarding a specific case.
69 Attendance was requested by the CWC Chair and denied by the Director. Tribal Chair
70 McNamara and Tribal Administrator Colby attended the meeting at the CWC Chair's request to
71 address these concerns and stated that a policy will be developed.

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73 A discussion took place regarding the meeting schedule and location for 2013 because of the
74 new DHS facility on Spring Street. There are a number of pros and cons related to both
75 locations. The CWC is reluctant to move all meetings to the DHS facility at this time because of
76 the importance of having a presence and access to the Executive Office at the Governmental
77 Complex. Perhaps a split location might be best. No decision was made at this time.

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79 **A motion was made by Ms. Proctor and supported by Ms. DeLeon to approve any**
80 **uncovered travel costs for any Child Welfare Commissioner to attend the Honoring Our**
81 **Children Initiative Summit on November 9th in Sault Ste. Marie. Vote: 3 YES and -0- NO**
82 **with 2 absent; Motion carried.**

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84 **FOSTER CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS:** The CWC will review these regulations for
85 potential changes in a work session tomorrow, October 13th at 10:00am.

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87 **NEXT MEETING DATE(S):** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be in **Room 312** as
88 follows:

89 Regular Meeting: **Friday, November 2, at 1:00pm;** and
90 Work Session: **Saturday, November 3, at 10:00am if applicable**

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92 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm

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94 Respectfully Submitted,

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96 Debbie DeLeon
97 CWC Secretary