

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312**
3 **11-2-12 (& continued on 11-3-12)**
4 **Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 1:08pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik, Chair.
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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rochelle Ettawageshik, Steve Sochay, Emily Proctor, Heidi Bosma and
9 Debbie DeLeon

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11 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Heidi Bosma for 11-2-12 portion only, Steve Sochay for 11-3-12 portion
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14 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Denneen Smith, Tribal Human Services Director and Tosha Bennington, Tribal Social
15 Worker.

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17 **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- 18 • The Director invited the CWC to hold meetings at her department's new location. However, because
19 of potential security issues and the fact that she does not have keys to the front door, she is unsure of
20 access after hours on both weekdays and weekends.
21 • The Director reported that she is planning to hold both a hat and mitten tree, and a coat drive soon.
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23 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT (JUVENILE/DELINQUENCY REPORT):** Not in attendance and no report made
24 available.
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26 **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 1:12pm by Mr. Sochay; seconded by Ms.
27 Proctor. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion carried.
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29 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 4:05pm by Mr. Sochay and
30 supported by Ms. Proctor. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion carried.
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32 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair recessed the meeting at 5:00 pm because we no longer had the room available.
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34 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Chair Rochelle Ettawageshik called the meeting back to order on Saturday, November 3,
35 2012 at 11:20am following the overnight recess to complete unfinished items on the agenda.
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37 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was open and closed at 11:26am. No public present.
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39 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Proctor made a motion to approve the agenda; supported by Ms. Bosma; **Vote:**
40 **4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent;** Motion carried.
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42 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported that she just received the budget information for FY2014 and
43 that it needs to be done by the end of this month. Discussion resulted in providing the Treasurer with
44 direction for completion of the document. The CWC will plan to meet on **November 10th** to approve the
45 budget and conducts its final review of the Foster Home Licensing Regulations.
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LTBB CWC 11-2-12 Open Session

MINUTES APPROVED 12-14-12

47 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Proctor **made a motion** to approve as amended the October 13, 2012 **Open**
48 **and Closed Session;** supported by Ms. Bosma; **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.

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50 **OLD BUSINESS**

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52 **CULTURAL CONTRACT:** Item tabled until next meeting. A memo will be drafted by the Chair to inquire this
53 issue with the prosecutor and well as the need for better communications and monthly reports.

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55 **FOSTER CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS:** The CWC met earlier in a work session to consult with LTBB Legal,
56 Jim Bransky via telephone. Mr. Bransky will complete the draft document and submit to the CWC for its
57 approval before it gets submitted to the Chairman.

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59 **A motion was made at the last meeting approving any uncovered travel costs for any Child Welfare**
60 **Commissioner to attend the Honoring Our Children Initiative Summit on November 9th in Sault Ste. Marie.**

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62 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

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 - Reminder that Dr. Suzanne Cross, Social Work Professor, will be retiring from MSU and her
65 retirement party is scheduled for December 7th.
 - *Honoring Our Children Initiative Summit* is scheduled for November 9, 2012 in Sault Ste. Marie. Inter-
66 Tribal Council has received a W.K. Kellogg grant to cover the cost of travel, staff time, and/or hosting
67 community events/forums.
 - Reminder that NCAI is coming up in Sacramento in October 21-27th.
 - Holiday bazaar—continues to work on preparations for that fundraising event and asked for
70 assistance from other members on the night before and day of the event—December 1st.
 - Shared article on Baby Veronica returning to her bio father affirming ICWA as a result of a decision
73 made by the South Carolina Supreme Court.

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75 **NEW BUSINESS** -- None

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77 **NEXT MEETING DATE(S):** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be in **Room 312** as follows:
78 Regular Meeting: **Friday, December 14, at 1:00pm;** and
79 Work Session: **Saturday, December 15, at 10:00am if applicable**

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81 A **motion** was made by Ms. Proctor to schedule a meeting on November 10th to review and approve the
82 FY2014 budget and review final draft of the Foster Home Licensing Regulations and any other business that
83 may come up, if necessary; supported by Ms. DeLeon; **Vote:** 3 YES and -0- NO and 2 absent; Motion carried.

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85 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

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87 Respectfully Submitted,

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89 Debbie DeLeon
90 CWC Secretary