

**LTBB CWC 3-4-12 Open Session**

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**LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting  
Odawa Hotel  
3-4-12  
Open Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Heidi Bosma called the meeting to order at 10:26am.

**Roll Call/Attendance:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Debbie DeLeon, Emily Proctor and Steve Sochay.

**Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Human Services Department Director, via telephone conference call.

**The Chair announced that due to the weather the Governmental Complex has been closed and is still without power today, so we had to find an alternative date and location for the meeting. The two commissioners that travel from Lansing were already here and that we still had pressing items to address. The Chair had also been advised that Human Services had new cases.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to approve the agenda; supported by Mr. Sochay; Motion was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Proctor made a motion to approve the **February 3, 2012** Open Session and Closed Session Minutes as amended; supported by Mr. Sochay; Motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer reported that the latest report she received indicated that the 2011 balance showed \$3886. She is still waiting to get an update on current year status.

**Public Comment:** Opened and closed at 2:28pm.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- The Chair made numerous attempts to contact Commissioners, Human Services and the Prosecutor regarding the need to reschedule the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting due to the weather. However, she was able to contact Commissioners, but did not receive final confirmation or documentation regarding case needs/recommendations from Human Services or the Prosecutor. However, we were able to contact the director by phone for some critical updates.
- The Chair reported that she has made several attempts to contact the Executive Office to inquire about the status of the purchase orders that were submitted November 2011

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43 for supplies as well as equipment for Adobe Connect. She is still waiting for a response  
44 on those items.

- 45 • The Chair reported that the CWC has been advised to attend Council's L&L Committee  
46 meeting on **March 7, 2012** because they plan to continue discussions regarding the  
47 proposed changes to the Child Protection Statute.

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#### 49 **Vice-Chairperson's Report**

- 50 • The Vice-Chair reported that on February 5, 2012, Council declined to act on the  
51 Executive's recommendations regarding the CWC statute and expressed appreciation on  
52 the Commission's behalf.

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54 **Closed Session:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to go into Closed Session at 12:18pm; Mr.  
55 Sochay supported the motion; Motion passed unanimously.

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57 **Return to Open Session:** Motion was made by Mr. Sochay to return to Open Session at  
58 1:05pm; Supported by Ms. Proctor; Motion approved by unanimous decision.

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60 **Prosecutor's Report:** None available, however, we must not forget we still need a draft for the  
61 Cultural Agreement Contract from the prosecutor.

62 **Social Services Director's Report:** None

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#### 64 **Old Business:**

- 65 • **Michigan Indian Families Preservation Act (MIFPA)**—No update.
- 66 • **Draft Child Protection Statute**—Some CWC commissioners attended the L&L meeting  
67 on February 8<sup>th</sup>, however, their review was not completed. Even though a motion was  
68 previously passed in December, Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to continue to  
69 authorize costs associated for any commission to attend any Tribal Council related  
70 meeting where the Child Protection Statute appears on the agenda or where the CWC is  
71 advised in advance that it will be added to an agenda:
  - 72 ○ The CWC has been advised that the Legal and Legislative Committee will meet on  
73 **Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 10:00am** to address agenda item related to the  
74 Child Protection Statute .

75 The motion was supported by Mr. Sochay. Motion passed unanimously.

- 76 • **MI Coalition on Race Equity in Child Welfare**—Ms. DeLeon provided an update on the  
77 MI Coalition on Race Equity in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice and that she has  
78 shared the website information. The REC has added new members from Indian Country,  
79 Mike Petoskey, Jim Keedy and Susan Franklin (SEMII) were at the last meeting. She also  
80 reminded everyone of the invitation from the Coalition Co-Chairs to anyone interested  
81 in serving on any of the subcommittees. She will continue to provide information as it  
82 becomes available.

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84 **New Business:** None

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86 **Announcements:** None

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88 **Meeting Schedule:** The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **April 13 & 14, 2012**, at 1:00pm  
89 and 10am respectively in Rm 321.

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91 **Adjournment:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Sochay supported the motion.  
92 Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

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94 Respectfully Submitted,

95 Debbie De Leon

96 CWC Secretary