

1                   **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**  
2                   **LTBB Governmental Complex, Tribal Court Room**  
3                   **8-10-12**  
4                   **Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 1:12pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik, Chair.  
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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Steve Sochay,  
9 and Debbie DeLeon

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11 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Emily Proctor

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13 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Matt Leskey, Tribal Prosecutor and Tosha Bennington, Lisa  
14 Tollenar-Kurtz, and Ms. Skippergosh, Social Workers, and Denneen Smith, Dept Director.

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16 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Bosma made a motion to approve the agenda; supported by  
17 Mr. Sochay; **Vote:** 3 YES and -0- NO with 2 absent; Motion carried.

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19 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Sochay made a motion to approve the July 6, 2012 **Open**  
20 **session** as amended; supported by Ms. DeLeon; **Vote:** 3 YES and -0- NO with 2 absent; Motion  
21 carried.

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pubic comment was held at 1:17pm and closed at 1:17pm. No public  
24 present.

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

- 27       • The Director reported that she made a presentation to the attendees at the Exploring the  
28 Unique Needs of Michigan's Child Welfare System sponsored by U.S. Representative  
29 Dave Camp in Saginaw on July 30<sup>th</sup>.  
30       • The Tribal State Partnership meeting will be August 14-15 in Sault Ste Marie.  
31       • The Title IV-E has been signed by the state and is awaiting the signature of the  
32 Chairman since it was received in May.  
33       • The Commission, Child's Code and the Department statutes all have been passed by  
34 Tribal Council this past Sunday and waiting for the Chairman's signature.  
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36 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT (JUVENILE/DELINQUENCY REPORT):** The Prosecutor reported  
37 that there is only one active case. The prosecutor reported that his office will be moving on  
38 September 4 to the Spring Street site. The remainder of his report was presented in Closed  
39 Session.  
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41 **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 1:35pm by Mr. Sochay;  
42 seconded by Ms. Bosma. **Vote:** 3 YES and -0- NO with 2 absent; Motion carried.  
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44 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 4:10pm by Ms.  
45 DeLeon and supported by Mr. Sochay. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO with 1 absent; Motion carried.  
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47 **OLD BUSINESS**

**MINUTES APPROVED 9-7-12**

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**CULTURAL CONTRACT:** The Prosecutor had emailed everyone the work he had done on the cultural contract based on the discussion that was held at the previous meeting. The CWC will place this item on next month's agenda for discussion.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

- The Chair reported that she attended a meeting Exploring the Unique Needs of Michigan's Child Welfare System and commented on what a great job Ms. Smith did with her presentation.
- Also had quarterly meeting with NICWA—July 21-22, 2012; reported that ICWA is under attack in South Carolina where mother gave up child and father was in Afghanistan and disagreed with denial of his rights. There is a coalition of people attempting to prevent the protection of Native children when adopted by non-native families!
- Holiday bazaar—she is working on preparing items for that fundraising event.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FOSTER CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS:** Rebecca notified Ms. Bosma that the CWC needed to do licensing regulations, which confused the CWC because the regulations were previously done and signed by the Chairman at that time. The Chair will make further inquiries and will place the item on next month's agenda.

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

Regular Meeting: **Friday, September 7, at 1:00pm**; and  
Work Session: **Saturday, September 8, at 9:00am if applicable**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair Adjourned early at 4:25 pm because the room is no longer available to us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie DeLeon  
CWC Secretary