

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 321**
3 **9-7-12**
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 Emily Proctor and Debbie DeLeon

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11 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** None

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13 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Denneen Smith, Tribal Human Services Director via telephone.

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15 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Bosma made a motion to approve the agenda; supported by
16 Mr. Sochay; **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO and -0- absent; Motion carried.

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18 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Sochay **made a motion** to approve the August 10, 2012 **Open**
19 **session;** supported by Ms. Bosma; **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO and -0- absent; Motion carried.
20 **Motion was made** Ms. Bosma and supported by Mr. Sochay to approve the July 6, 2012 and
21 August 10, 2012 Closed Session meeting minutes. **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO and -0- absent;
22 Motion carried.

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24 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was held at 1:16pm and closed at 1:17pm. No public
25 present.

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

- 28 • New statute includes jurisdiction over all natives on the reservation. She plans to do a
29 training on the changes with her staff and will offer to do one with the local state dept.
30 and hopefully they will work cooperatively with us in the process. She will make sure to
31 work with our Tribal Police Chief to make sure that he is aware of the changes.
- 32 • They are in the process of moving to the new location, and invited the CWC to have the
33 meeting there next month and in the future.
- 34 • Update regarding the Title IV-E agreement that had been signed by the state and has
35 been awaiting the signature of the Chairman since it was received in May. The
36 Chairman reported to us last month that he was having it reviewed by legal counsel.
- 37 • She has been invited to do a training on in-home care in tribes targeting other tribal
38 directors to learn about and participate...it could cover half of costs for some workers.
- 39 • The next Tribal State Partnership meeting will be held here again later this month.
- 40 • Also hosting another training at the end of October, Casey Foundation Title IV-E Summit
41 regarding funding through a collaborative. We will host and it will be free to attend.
- 42 • She has also been asked to present about the impact that some state rulings have made
43 that undermined ICWA. Not sure what all this will entail, but will be getting more info,
44 she was just asked the other day.

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46 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT (JUVENILE/DELINQUENCY REPORT):** No report available
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48 **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 1:25pm by Mr. Sochay;
49 seconded by Ms. Bosma. **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO with -0- absent; Motion carried.

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51 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 3:17pm by Mr.
52 Sochay and supported by Ms. Proctor. **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO with -0- absent; Motion carried.

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54 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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60 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

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- 62 • The Building Strong Nations training is scheduled for October 9 in New Buffalo.
 - 63 • NCAI is coming up in Sacramento in October 21-27th.
 - 64 • The annual NICWA conference will be in Oklahoma on April 7-10, 2013; 2014 will be in
65 Florida; 2015 in Niagara Falls.
 - 66 • Holiday bazaar—she is still working on preparing items for that fundraising event and
67 asked for assistance from other members on the night before and day of the event—
68 December 1st.

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70 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Still awaiting the distribution of funds into the lines items. Monthly
71 meeting cost is approximately \$1648 which covers two meetings per month. The Chair, Vice
72 Chair and Treasurer will review the computer and supply needs to ensure that the requests are
73 submitted well within the required timelines. **Motion was made by Ms. Bosma to purchase a
74 laptop computer, a wireless printer and mouse; supported by Mr. Sochay. Vote:** 5 YES
75 and -0- NO and -0- absent; Motion carried.

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77 **NEW BUSINESS**

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79 **A motion was made by Ms. Proctor and supported by Ms. DeLeon to send two**
80 **commissioners to the MSU Extension Building Strong Sovereign Nations Governance**
81 **Training at Four Winds in New Buffalo on October 9, 2012. Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO and -
82 0- absent; Motion carried.

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84 **A motion was made by Ms. Proctor and supported by Mr. Sochay to approve all travel**
85 **costs for any Child Welfare Commissioner to attend the Casey Foundation Title IV-E**
86 **Summit coming up the end of October (Actual date to be provided by Ms. Smith).**
87 **Vote:** 5 YES and -0- NO and -0- absent; Motion carried.

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

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

96 Regular Meeting: **Friday, October 12, at 12:00pm;** and
97 Work Session: **Saturday, October 13, at 9:00am if applicable**

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A motion was made by Mr. Sochay and supported by Ms. Proctor to change the December meeting to December 14 at 1:00pm with Work Session on Saturday, December 15 at 9am, if needed. Vote: 5 YES and -0- NO and -0- absent; Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair Adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie DeLeon

CWC Secretary