

1                   **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**  
2                   **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312**  
3                   **1-4-13**  
4                   **Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 1:39pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik, Chair.

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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rochelle Ettawageshik, Steve Sochay, Heidi Bosma and Debbie DeLeon

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10 **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Emily Proctor

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12 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Dept of Human Services Director via telephone.

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14 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Bosma and supported by Mr.  
15 Sochay. **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

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17 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was open and closed at 2:11pm. No public present.

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19 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Mr. Sochay **made a motion** to approve the minutes of December 14, 2012  
20 **Open Minutes** supported by Ms. Bosma; **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.

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

- 23       • The Director reported via telephone that she has posted a notice to hire a Lead Social Worker position  
24       which closes today. It is planned that this position will have the responsibility to report to the CWC as her  
25       Dept's representative.
- 26       • The Director reported that her department has received a grant in excess of \$1M for Victim Services and  
27       has hired Pam Luce as the Grant Coordinator which will focus on Elder Abuse.
- 28       • The Director also reported that her department has received a grant award notice to fund a Victim  
29       Advocacy Program which will fund two new positions: a Victim Advocate and a Project Coordinator. Offers  
30       have been made pending the actual receipt of the grant monies.
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- 31       • The Director reported that she has developed draft protocols in response to Mr. Bransky's memo and will  
32       provide a copy to the CWC for response prior to her submitting to Executive.
- 33       • In response to a request from the CWC, the Director indicated that she would provide a list of names, etc.  
34       of all active cases.

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36 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT (JUVENILE/DELINQUENCY REPORT):** Not in attendance and no report made  
37 available.

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39 **CLOSED SESSION:** Mr. Sochay made a motion to go into Closed Session at 2:39pm; supported by Ms. Bosma.  
40 Motion carried. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.

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42 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Mr. Sochay made a motion to return to Open Session at 2:50pm; supported by  
43 Ms. Bosma. Motion carried. **Vote:** 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.

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45 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** NONE

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47 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

**LTBB CWC 1-1-13 Open Session**

**MINUTES APPROVED 2-1-13**

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- The Chair advised members to review schedules and agendas of the 2013/14 annual NICWA Conferences to ensure that everyone is able to attend either this year or next year and to make plans accordingly so the travel requests can be submitted timely.
- Grand Traverse Resort contacted the chair to offer to host the 2015 NICWA Conference.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CWC STATUTE & CHILD PROTECTION STATUTE:** Mr. Bransky, LTBB Legal, developed the memo and distributed to Executive, CWC and DHS clarifying the roles and responsibilities of both the CWC and the Department regarding communication on case records and information. The CWC appreciates the work of our LTBB Legal Counsel in clarifying this issue.

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

**FOSTER CARE LICENSING REGULATIONS:** The Chair will continue to monitor status of the submitted revisions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NICWA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** The issue of the CWC becoming a member of NICWA has been discussed numerous times in the past and the consensus is that it would be of mutual benefit for this commission to become members of this very important national Indian child welfare organization. **MOTION: Ms. Bosma made a motion to authorize \$400 for the CWC to become a member of NICWA for 2013; supported by Mr. Sochay. Vote: 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried.**

**ELECTIONS:** Tabled until February.

**2013 MEETING SCHEDULE: MOTION:** Ms. Bosma made a motion to adopt the following 2013 meeting schedule: January 4 & 5, February 1 & 2, March 1 & 2, April 5 & 6, May 3 & 4, June 7 & 8, July 12 & 13, August 9 & 10, September 6 & 7, October 4 & 5, November 1 & 2, and December 6 & 7. The meeting times will be 1pm on the first date for the Regular Session and 10am on the second date for Work Sessions as needed. Mr. Sochay supported the motion. **Vote: 4 YES and -0- NO and 1 absent; Motion carried. The chair has already secured Rm 312 for the entire year.**

**CWC TERMS OF OFFICE:** Need to be clarified and an inquiry made on the status of the reappointment process.

**NEW MILEAGE RATES:** The Chair advised that a memo was sent to everyone with the new mileage reimbursement rate of 56.5.

**NEXT MEETING DATE(S):** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be in **Room 312** as follows:  
Regular Meeting: **Friday, February 1, at 1:00pm;** and  
Work Session: **Saturday, February 2, at 10:00am if applicable**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie DeLeon  
CWC Secretary