

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**

2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312**

3 **10-4-13**

4 **Approved Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Heidi Bosma acting chair.

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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik (via phone), and
9 Steve Sochay

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

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13 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar LTBB Social Worker and Denneen Smith
14 LTBB Director of Human Services, Matthew Lesky Tribal Prosecutor

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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Steve Sochay made a motion to approve the following minutes
17 **March 1, 2013, May 3, 2013, June 10, 2013, July 12, 2013, August 9, 2013**
18 **open and closed session;** supported by Ms. Ettawageshik. **Vote:** 3-0-0-0 Motion carried.

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20 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pubic comment was held at 12:05 pm and closed at 12:06 pm. No public
21 present.

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23 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:**

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25 Welcome Joan Jacobs – new CWC Commissioner. She will be joining us at the next meeting
26 pending being sworn in.

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29 **SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:.** Denneen Smith, LTBB Director of Human
30 Services. She noted that Domestic Violence Interventions are helping to hold off any child
31 welfare issues.

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33 Lisa presented a possible new Foster Care Home Licensing applicant and will bring in
34 documentation at the next CWC meeting.

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36 **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 12:30pm by Mrs
37 Ettawageshik seconded by Mr. Sochay. **Vote:** 3-0-0-0 Motion carried.

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39 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Motion was made to return to Open Session at 1:15pm by Mr.
40 Ettawageshik and supported by Mr. Sochay. **Vote:** 3-0-0-0 Motion carried.

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42 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

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44 Updated that the child had to be returned in the baby Veronica case.

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46 Efforts were made to get the 2015 NICWA Conference hosted by the Grand Traverse Bay Band
47 in Michigan but they could not accommodate the timing. The conference will be in Minnesota.
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PROSECUTOR'S REPORT: Mr Lesky reported on developing a problem solving Court for Child Welfare that would be similar to a drug court model. It would be cooperative not adversarial. The Code would be amended to make this a possible track for Court referrals.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion was made to go into Closed Session at 2:00pm by Mrs Ettawageshik seconded by Mr. Sochay. **Vote:** 3-0-0-0 Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Motion was made to return to Open Session at 2:29pm by Mr. Ettawageshik and supported by Mr. Sochay. **Vote:** 3-0-0-0 Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Sochay reported receiving the current R & E through September. and updated the Commission on the status of current expenditures compared with the fiscal year status.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S): The next regularly scheduled meetings are to be in **Room 312** as follows:

Regular Meeting: **Friday, November 1, 2013, at 1:00pm;** and
Work Session: **Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 10:00am if applicable**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Sochay,
CWC acting secretary