

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
March 3rd, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Conference Room 312, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: None

Call to Order: 4:02 p.m.

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – Present, Vice Chairperson Arlene Naganashe – Present, Secretary Patrick Wemigwase – Present, Commissioner Larry Stead – Present, Commissioner Judith Pierzynowski – Present

Staff present: Executive Housing Director John Givens – Present; Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly – Present

Guests present: None

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Larry Stead to approve the agenda for the March 3rd, 2014 meeting as written.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Judy Pierzynowski and supported by Larry Stead to approve the minutes for the February 3rd, 2014 meeting as written and amended.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

4:23 Arlene Naganashe walks in

Housing Director Report:

Single Family Home: The contract for Edgewater Design had been reviewed by legal staff. We will now present their recommendations to the contractor for negotiation.

February 2014 Grants: In February of 2014 we disbursed the following:

	# OF GRANTS	\$ AMOUNT
Down Payment Grants	1	2500
Short Term Rental Grants	3	3900
Home Improvement	1	2500

Grants		
Foreclosure Prevention Grants	0	0
Transitional Housing Grants	0	0
TOTAL	<u>5</u>	<u>8900</u>

Waiting Lists: New Waiting list applicants:

<u># OF OCCUPANTS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>NON-ELDER</u>
<u>1</u>	1	0
<u>2</u>	0	0
<u>3</u>	0	0
<u>4+</u>	0	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Judy Pierzynowski to accept the Housing Director's verbal and written report.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Elders Coordinator Report:

Tammy brought the Elders Outreach Short Survey (that was done in 2013) to go over with the commission. The biggest areas they need help with are their yard work/home maintenance, doing heavy housework (such as scrubbing floors, washing windows, etc.). They would also use the home repair, home remodeling, legal assistance, elders lunches (Congregate Meals), and Transportation Assistance services; that's if these services were available to them. Also, there is within the Elders Department; **Direct Client Service- 2010 (18 elders), 2011 (19 elders), 2012 (40 elders), 2013 (63 elders)** using this service. They are also using the **Housing Keeping** service and those hours are: **2010-111 hours, 2011-376 hours, 2012-411 hours, and 2013-949 hours.** Most of the elders want to age in place (that means they want to live in their home), they want to stay in their home even if they are on all fours, not live in a nursing home. The big picture here is that where the tribe wants to invest their money.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to accept the Elders Coordinator verbal report.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

FYI:

Here are the numbers from the outreach survey:

Elders Outreach Short Survey 2013

1. Do you participate in cultural activities that include traditional food, music and customs?

<u>All of the Time</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>
51	195	28

2. Do you participate in cultural activities that include language?

<u>All of the Time</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>
19	145	100

3. I speak Anishinaabe language:

<u>Fluently</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Little of None</u>
6	63	158

4. Would you be interested in participating in language classes if they were offered in your area?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
119	30	109

5. Because of health of physical problems, do you have difficulty with the following (Please mark all that apply):

- 10** Bathing or Showering **6** Dressing
94 Yard work/home maintenance **3** Eating
5 Using/getting to the bathroom **53** Walking
19 Using the telephone **18** Getting outside
11 Preparing your our meals **10** Getting in or out of bed
17 Shopping for personal items (such as medicines or care products)
17 Managing your money (such as paying bills or keeping track of expenses)
103 Doing heavy housework (scrubbing floors, washing windows, etc.)
28 Doing light housework (dishes, laundry, light cleaning, organizing)

6. Are you now using, or would you be willing to use the following services? (Please mark all that apply):

<u>Now Using</u>	<u>Would Use</u>	
2	25	Adult Day Care
6	46	Caregiver Program
5	34	Care Coordination/Case Management
11	75	Emergency Response Systems
3	92	Financial Assistance
2	60	Home Health Service
4	127	Home Repair
1	104	Home Remodeling
1	52	Information and Referral Assistance
1	100	Legal Assistance
1	48	Home Delivered Meal
25	81	Elders Lunches (Congregate Meals)
1	36	Personal Care
1	26	Respite Care

1	42	Assisted Living
1	51	Independent Retirement Communities
1	32	Skilled Nursing Facilities
4	42	Government Assisted Housing
3	71	Senior Center
3	48	Telephone Check-Ins/Companion
5	87	Transportation Assistance
1	41	Volunteer Services

7. When should these services be available?
43 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 40 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. 79 24 hours/day
15 Weekdays 11 Weekends 121 Everyday
8. Where would you prefer to go to access any of the above services? (You may choose more than one; you may indicate order of preference-1 being best choice, on down).
103 Tribal Government Complex 20 Tribal Police Department
138 Tribal Elders Program 61 Tribal Human Services Department
77 Tribal Health Clinic 26 Tribal Mental Health Clinic
28 Veterans Service Centers 29 Area Agencies on Aging
46 Area Health Center/Hospital 37 Senior Housing Complexes
17 Area Domestic Violence Program 17 Peace Keepers
2 Other
9. Are there any support services or activities for the Elders Program that you would like to added or expanded? See attached comments written out: If you want to see the comments you will have to contact the Elders Coordinator for those.
10. Your Age: 75 50-59 53 60-69 36 70-79
9 80-89 1 90-99 0 100+
11. Date Survey Completed:
Survey completed March 12th, through September 12th, 2013.
12. Location Survey Completed: Michigan
13. Additional Comments: See attached comments written out: The additional comments are on file in the Elders Coordinator's office.

Pat W. was explained the Village concept a little more to the commission and how what Tammy is doing right now is a little like that. She and Pat had a little meeting (Richard Wemigwase and the Tribal Chairmen also sat in) on Friday 28th, February 2014 to go over some of the ideas he had for the Assisted Living for our Tribal Elders. Some of the ideas he had they are already doing in the Elders Department, and some of them are in the works, and others were good ideas that will have to be worked into the system at a later point in time.

Public Comment Opens: 5:42 p.m.

Ray was asking about the volunteers that help out with the elders; do they need any kind of training. Tammy told him depends on what they are volunteering for.

Public Comment Closes: 5:47 p.m.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Larry Stead to adjourn at 5:48 P.M.

Vote: 5 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained, 0 – Vacant

Motion Carried

Next meeting is on April 7th, 2014 @ 4 p.m. in Conference Room 312 at the LTBB Government Complex

Date: 4/07/14

Patrick Wemigwase, Secretary

Minutes approve on April 7th, 2014.