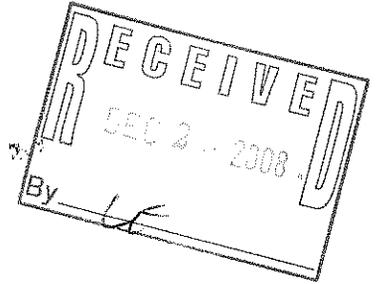


**LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting 11-14-08**

OPEN MEETING



*Called to Order:* Meeting to order at 2:32 pm by Debbie DeLeon

*Commission Present:* Debbie DeLeon, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Heidi Bosma  
*Absent* Bill Denemy (excused) and Margaret Gasco (unexcused).

*Staff Present:* Denneen Smith, Social Services Director, Alicia Ivory, Law Clerk and Bill Greogry, Prosecutor

Pubic comment at 2:51pm  
Closed at am 2:51 pm

Motion to accept minutes as amended by Heidi Bosma and second by Rochelle Ettawageshik  
Vote: 3 in favor, motion carried

**LTBB Social Services Director Denneen Smith Report:**

Reported she testified in Cheboygan County as an Expert Witness and that this judge understood Active Efforts. She has been asked to be an expert witness in Emmet County. She provided a mandated reporter training to teach headstart to report child abuse. Bill Greogry will help Denneen to offer mandated reporter training to the tribe. She is going to Chicago to learn about Title IV-E. We were hopeful for more and better by the feds but it looks like we will lose 50% money. We will look into doing a shared care and supervision with the local county. Expressed concerns regarding the State's Public Act 116 related to Licensing foster homes. State will pay for placements, but will not allow kids to be placed in homes that do not comply with PA 116. Best bet we should follow Act 116 so that our children can be placed.

**Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Dept Report:**

Deb provided information from the meeting with Tribal Court. She spoke of the concerns of working with the families who are at risk and who have children who are also in the juvenile system. Deb reported that Denneen will be initiating and coordinating the child protection team.

Prosecutor's report will be in closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion to go into closed session by Heidi Bosma and second by Rochelle Ettawageshik 3:17 pm  
Vote: 3 yes and 0 no Motion carried

Motion to come out of closed session

Motion by Rochelle Ettawageshik second by Heidi Bosma 4:53 pm  
3 in favor motion carried.

**Chairperson Report:**

Rochelle, Allie Maldonado, Alicia and Deb met with both judges from Tribal Court earlier on this date. Next meeting date has been set to for March 20, 2009. In response to an earlier discussion about mail distribution, the Chair will check with Executive Office on process. The Chair advised to come prepared at the next meeting to set the 2009 meeting schedule for the coming year...we should also add a foot note about possible changes based on court dates.

Next meeting is December 20, 2008 at 9:30 pm at Emmet Street

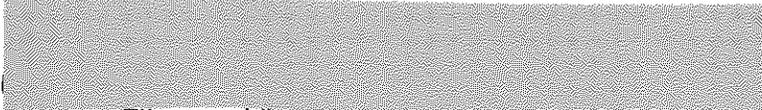
Annoucement: Rochelle announced a Holiday Bazaar on December 6 & 7, 2008 to help raise

funds for the National Indian Child Welfare Association

Motion to adjourn by Rochelle Ettawageshik second by Heidi Bosma  
3 in favor motion carried

Adjourn at 5:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

  
Rochelle Ettawageshik  
Secretary/Treasurer

*approved 12-20-08*