

**LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting  
2-5-10  
Approved Open Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 1:20pm by Chairperson Heidi Bosma

**Attendance:** Heidi Bosma, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Bill Denemy, Debbie DeLeon, and Emily Proctor.

**Staff and Guests:** Denneen Smith, LTBB Social Services Director, Lisa Ronk, LTBB Social Services Worker, and Matt Leskey, LTBB Prosecuting Attorney

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the Open and Closed Minutes from January 8, 2010 as written. Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; passed unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to approve the agenda with no additions; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; unanimously approved.

**Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to go into Closed Session at 1:21pm; Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; Unanimous decision.

**Open Session:** Ms. Ettawageshik made a motion to return to Open Session at 1:30pm; Ms. Proctor supported the motion; Unanimous decision.

**Public Comment:** Opened at 1:34 pm and closed at 1:34 pm.

**Director's Report:** Ms. Smith reported that Al Colby, Administrative Director, wanted to begin to streamline Case Management process from the Executive Side in case anyone has to access services. Given the relationship status under the previous director, it was time to begin dialogue so that if/when referrals are made; there is a process in place so there can be a favorable outcome. It is necessary to educate and inform all involved about how Social Services works and responds to referrals so that they know what to expect. The LTBB process is going to be different than that of the State because of Tribal Statute(s), BIA and the State.

Ms. Smith reported that Social Services is now called the Human Services Department.

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Also reported that the Structured Decision Making Process will now be used to determine level of risk when it is time to return a child to the home. Lisa Ronk will be in charge. Mr. Denemy shared that the state also uses this assessment tool.

Ms. Smith will be sending 3 staff members to the NICWA conference in Portland.

**Closed Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to return to Closed Session at 2:07pm; Supported by Ms. Proctor; Unanimous decision.

**Open Session:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to return to Open Session at 2:11pm; Supported by Ms. Proctor; unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Chair reported that she received the current budget modification that indicates there is enough money in the budget to allow for travel for two members to attend the NICWA Conference in Portland.

**Chairperson's Report:** Chair Bosma reported that she submitted a request for two commissioners to attend the NICWA Conference in Portland, Oregon, April 11-14, 2010. The CWC has kept training and travel costs to a minimum. This conference is a prime opportunity to obtain information from other tribes across the country on what they are doing in regards to child welfare. She is hearing that the request is currently under review by the Executive and that may only be approving attendance for one commissioner at this time. She will advise the commission when she hears anything definite.

### Old Business:

- A. It was reported that Art in accounting sent an email to the Chair advising that there was enough money in the budget to accommodate two meeting per month.
- B. Mr. Denemy made motion to authorize a stipend for Ms. Proctor who attended the Child Welfare Training for Tribal Council. Ms. Ettawageshik supported; Unanimous decision.
- C. Status of state's codification of the ICWA into state law is requested.

### New Business:

- A. The chair received an email from the Executive Assistant to the Tribal Chair requesting agenda and a written report regarding the results of the 2-8-10 meeting with Tribal Court Judges.

**Meeting Schedule:** The February 6, 2010 meeting is not needed this month. The next meetings will be scheduled for March 12 & 13, 2010.

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**Announcements:** Opportunity Conference 2010 From Hardships to Success will be held April 23, 2010 at Boyne Mountain. See the Chair for additional information.

**Elections:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to nominate Heidi Bosma as Chair, Debbie De Leon as Secretary, Emily Proctor as Treasurer, and Rochelle Ettawageshik as Vice-Chair. Supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Denemy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm; supported by Ms. Ettawageshik; passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie DeLeon  
CWC Secretary