

1 **LTBB Child Welfare Commission Regular Meeting**
2 **LTBB Governmental Complex, Room 312**
3 **11-6-2015**
4 **DRAFT Open Session Minutes**

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6 **CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Rochelle Ettawageshik - Chair.
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8 **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rochelle Ettawageshik – Chair, Steve Sochay –
9 Treasurer (left 3pm), Linda Keway – Commissioner, Joan Jacobs – Commissioner (arrived
10 1:15pm)

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12 **COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Heidi Bosma - Secretary

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14 **STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT:** Sara Hacker DHS, Catherine Castagne, Tribal Prosecutor,
15 Lisa Kurtz-Tollenaar, Charlevoix-Emmet DHS

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17 **CLOSED SESSION**

18 Motion made by Ms. Keway to go into closed session at 1:07pm; supported by Mr. Sochay.

19 **Vote:** 3-0-0-2 Motion carried
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21 **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

22 Motion made by Ms. Keway to come out of closed session at 2:33pm; supported by Mr.

23 Sochay. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried
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25 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Ms. Jacobs made a motion to approve the agenda as amended for
26 the November 6, 2015 meeting; supported by Ms. Keway. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.
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29 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Keway made a motion to table the minutes for the October 2,
30 2015 meeting open minutes; supported by Mr Sochay. **Vote:** 4-0-0-1 Motion carried.
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32 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was held at 2:57 pm and closed at 2:58 pm. No public
33 present.
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35 **PROSECUTOR'S REPORT:**

36 No report given
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38 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

39 Ms Ettawageshik distributed information on:

40 1) Tribal Access Program (TAP) For National Crime Information: Ensuring the Exchange of
41 Critical Data - to provide tribes access to national crime information databases for both civil and
42 criminal purposes.

43 2) Flyer on National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect - April 3-5, 2016 in
44 St. Paul, Minn.
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46 3) ICWA guidelines - best practices. In March 2015, the regulations were opened for review.

47 A report is expected by the end of the year. Anti-ICWA forces are well funded. There are
48 lawsuits in 5 tribes including Michigan. In Michigan, they are challenging tribes right to
49 transfer. Reference - www.nicwa.org

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51 **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

52 No report given

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

55 Ms Hacker provided a report to the Commission

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57 **OLD BUSINESS**

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60 **NEW BUSINESS**

61 Ms Kurtz-Tollenaar gave a presentation on the new Indian Outreach program through the State
62 of Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

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64 The terms of each CWC Commissioner were reviewed and discussed.

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66 The Annual Holiday Bazaar is Saturday, December 5th

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68 **NEXT MEETING/WORK SESSION**

69 Motion made by Ms Ettawageshik and supported by Ms Keway to approve stipend, mileage, per
70 diem, and hotel for Commissioners to attend the following:

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- Regular Meeting: Friday, December 4, 2015 at 1:00pm
 - Vote 3-0-0-2 Motion carried
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74 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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76 Motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Keway and supported by Ms Jacobs **Vote: 3-0-0-2**

77 Motion carried.

78 Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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80 Respectfully Submitted,

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82 Steve Sochay,

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