

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Gene Ciszek and Jack Harrison. Sig Hjemvick was excused. Others addressing the committee during this meeting: Vilas County Juvenile Intake Director Bob Rickard; Vilas County Public Health Director Gina Egan; Vilas County Emergency Management Director Jim Galloway; Marshfield Clinic representative Bob Kovar and Vilas County Clerk David Alleman.

Open meeting notices and quorum present were verified by the Chair.

**Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:**

Motion by J. Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Ciszek to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

**Approve November 19 , 2009 minutes:**

Motion by M. Bedish, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Harrison to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

**Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program update:**

B. Rickard presented a written activity report prepared by Juvenile Intake Intensive Supervision Worker Mike Wurl. He then reported that the dual problems of gang activity and prescription drug abuse continued to grow among the youth on and off of the Lac du Flambeau reservation. Many parents are not aware of local gang influences on their children. He estimated the current number of known gang members on the reservation at between 20 and 30, ranging in age from 8<sup>th</sup> graders through high school and including some adults. The local gang is called the Sovereign Nation Warriors (SNW). He characterized their initiation ritual as comparable to torture. B. Rickard reported excellent cooperation with the Tribal Police Dept., and stated that many of his department's clients were making good progress.

**Vilas County Prevention Coalition update:**

B. Kovar presented an update to the committee. A. Bauman asked if the Prevention Coalition was involved with prescription drug abuse issues regarding tribal juveniles. B. Kovar responded that prescription drug abuse was a priority issue amongst the coalition. He further listed the groups that made up the Prevention Coalition. Another goal of coalition efforts is the reduction of racism. He stated that the greatest issue regarding racism was the reluctance of people to speak about and discuss the problem. Although racial healing has and is occurring, racism still remains an underlying problem, especially with juveniles. He then explained that the Prevention Coalition was also working to increase prescription drug abuse awareness, in conjunction with underage drinking awareness. Although Federal funding in certain areas has been cut, it has increased elsewhere. He is working with other similar prevention coalitions to make them aware of the availability of funding. A strategic planning session is planned for April, 2010. He invited the committee to send representatives to that gathering. A. Bauman reiterated the committee's goal to facilitate these efforts.

**Health Department update:**

G. Egan reported that both the County Health Department and the Tribal Health Department were very busy. H1N1 flu clinics continue to be conducted, but public utilization of the vaccine remains low. Currently there are no new H1N1 cases in the area. The seasonal flu has yet to appear in force. Surplus and out dated prescription drugs can still be deposited for proper disposal at the County Health Department office. Additional disposal sites will soon be available in Eagle River and Arbor Vitae. Sharps disposal continues to be a problem.

**Law Enforcement update:**

**a. Meeting updates:**

**b. Arrest and activity schedule:**

Nothing presented.

**County roads on Reservation:**

A. Bauman reported that the County and State roads transecting the reservation were in excellent winter driving condition. He commended the Vilas County Highway Department for their efforts.

**Communication project:**

A. Bauman expressed dismay that the completion date for the Lac du Flambeau communication tower had been pushed back to April or May, 2010. The original completion date was to be in January. J. Galloway explained that delays with steel deliveries and coordination of the erecting crane were most likely at fault.

**Standing Rules (any revisions):**

A. Bauman read the standing rules of the County-Tribal Concerns Committee as they are printed in the County Directory. After discussion, a motion was made by J. Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bedish to offer no additions or amendments to the current standing rules. All voted aye. Carried.

**Letters and communications:**

Nothing presented.

**Future agenda items:**

The Chair asked that he be given any new agenda items at least 10 days before the next meeting.

**Set date for next meeting:**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Tribal Center.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by J. Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Bedish to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 A.M

Respectfully Submitted,

David R. Alleman  
Vilas County Clerk