

Call to order:

This meeting of the County-Tribal Concerns Committee was called to order at 9:00A.M. in the Peter Christensen Health Care Center meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Sig Hjemvick and Dennis Nielsen. Elmer Rising Sun and Eric Chapman, Sr. were absent. Others addressing the committee during this meeting: Bob Rickard, Karen Schmidt, Sue Ackland, Kristen Allen, Joe Van De Laarschot and 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 D. Nielsen, 2nd by M. Bedish to approve the agenda, with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve January 26, 2012 meeting minutes:

Motion by D. Nielsen, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Juvenile Intensive Program update:

B. Rickard presented a written report detailing January 2012 Intensive Supervision activities. Referral numbers were consistent with January 2011 referrals. High school trancies have increased. Synthetic THC use is on the rise and more types of synthetic drugs are appearing locally. A mental health workshop for Juvenile Intake staff will be held in Minocqua in April. Mike Wurl will travel to Madison for a combined Electronic Monitoring and ISP Program meeting. **Motion by D. Nielsen, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to approve the out of county travel. All voted aye. Carried.** B. Rickard reported that a new treatment center open in Eagle River. A. Bauman inquired about the Fort McCoy Academy. B. Rickard responded that two additional Vilas juveniles may be attending that facility in the near future. Other state treatment centers and costs were discussed. B. Rickard and K. Schmidt explained the treatment center placement process.

Law enforcement update:

a. Arrest and activity schedule:

Nothing presented.

b. Drug enforcement:

Nothing presented.

c. Jail update:

Nothing presented.

d. Drug Court:

A. Bauman presented the idea of establishing a drug court in Vilas County. The committee also discussed how prescription drugs are provided to the public. The Clerk presented a written report from Bob Kovar on the subject of establishing a joint Vilas County / Tribal Government Healing & Wellness Court. Kovar will request that Vilas County support this initiative by adoption of a resolution.

Social Services update:

K. Schmidt reported on the Income Maintenance Consortium. At present, 7 child abuse cases and 6 child welfare cases are being handled by the Social Services department and Indian Child Welfare. Another Social Services staff member is retiring; there are now three vacancies in that department. Social Services financial management issues are improving.

Animal control update:

A. Bauman reported that the Law Enforcement Committee was discussing the issue.

Health/Community Health update:

Nothing presented

Wayside issue / county park:

A. Bauman feels that the wayside could be turned into a great recreational space for the public. S. Hjemvick reported that he drove past the site and observed picnic tables and toilet facilities that appeared to be in good repair. S. Ackland presented information from the Wisconsin DOT. This wayside was previously leased by the state from the BIA. The lease was not renewed and the wayside remains Tribal property. The state has no intention of operating or maintaining this wayside now or in the future.

Tribal issue (gangs) update:

Nothing presented.

Agenda format and committee oversight activities:

A. Bauman stated that this committee was unique. There is no budget oversight or normal approval processes for travel, purchases or hiring. The express purpose of the County/Tribal Concerns Committee is to foster communication and cooperation with the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Tribe on a variety of issues. The committee did recommend that approval of employee travel be left up to the department heads. Consolidation of committee activities was discussed. **Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2nd by D. Nielsen that the County/Tribal Concerns Committee remains a standalone committee. All voted aye. Carried.**

Future agenda items:

The Chair asked that he be given any new agenda items at least 10 days before the next meeting. E. Chapman requested a copy of the County Forestry Parks & Recreation Plan. The Clerk was instructed to ask that department to email a copy to E. Chapman.

Letters and communications:

Nothing presented

Set date for next meeting:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Thursday, March 22, 2012 in Lac du Flambeau.

Adjournment:

Motion by M. Bedish, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.