

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, Gene Ciszek, Jack Harrison and Sig Hjemvick. Eric Chapman, Sr. and Elmer Rising Sun were absent. Others present or addressing the committee during this meeting: Bob Kovar, Bob Rickard, Bob Brandenburg, Kate Gardner, Karen Schmidt, Gina Egan 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 J. Harrison, 2nd by G. Ciszek to approve the agenda with the order of discussion at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve May 31, 2011 meeting minutes:

Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2nd by M. Bedish to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program update:

B. Rickard handed out a written report and verbally reviewed the contents with the committee. Juvenile referral numbers continue to remain high compared to the previous year. He reported on efforts to reduce truancy. Truants appear before the appropriate court and are fined. Efforts to curb gang activity continue, with good cooperation from the Tribal Police Dept. and the Sheriff's Dept. Home visits have increased as part of the gang abatement efforts. Mike Wurl remains absent due to medical leave and is expected to return by the end of July. B. Rickard also provided the committee with the Intensive Supervision Worker job description for their review. A. Bauman had hoped to hear the Tribal viewpoint regarding the increased gang activity. B. Kovar reported that the Community Action Team completed an assessment to identify "best practices" for combating gang activities. He also reported that some government leaders favor adopting anti-gang ordinances in their communities. He warned that such ordinances are the cause of many legal challenges and are not a panacea to solving the gang problem. He stated that the illegal prescription drug trade was driving local gang activities. He also reported conversations aimed at creating a "drug court" in Vilas County.

Health / Community Health update:

G. Egan reported a decrease in Public Health Dept. staff due to the loss of supporting grant funds. Local health fairs are promoting the awareness of the perils to humans and to animals caused by green algae. Seniors are also being made aware of natural disaster aftermath issues, including the fact that pets are usually not welcome in area shelters. 10 UW-Oshkosh interns are employed by the Public Health this summer. 6 are working in the Clean Boats-Clean Waters program and 4 are conducting local well tests. The department is also partnering with Iron County regarding lodging inspections. Human health hazard complaints have increased. The Northwoods Consortium is working to create a coalition of 9 counties and tribes, to continue with Preparedness activities. Hepatitis C has

increased in Vilas County, primarily due to the increase in heroin use. A Clean Needle Exchange program, to be located in Lac du Flambeau, is being pursued.

Animal control issues:

G. Egan reported that some stray pets requiring impound were being sent to Iron River, Michigan. The Vilas Animal Shelter remains full and unable to house additional animals. G. Egan met on June 9th with the Law Enforcement Committee, Public Health Committee, Sheriff's Dept. and Tribal Police Dept. regarding the animal shelter issue. A potential animal shelter, to be located in western Vilas County, is being contemplated. She also reported problems in obtaining a facility to shelter animals requiring quarantine.

Social Services update:

K. Gardner reported on the gang problem. She stated that from a social service standpoint that there was no single solution to the problem. Many times gang membership results from breakdowns in the family structure and the lack of proper parenting. She also reported on cooperative efforts involving Indian Child Welfare. A. Bauman inquired about the future ADRC. K. Gardner reported that Taylor County rejoined the ADRC Planning Committee. The committee is prepared to forward an application to the State to create an ADRC involving area counties and tribes. There would be seven satellite offices and two outreach offices. The main office will be located in Oneida County. A. Bauman complimented the ADRC Planning Committee members for their cooperative efforts.

County Park plan:

Nothing presented.

County Highway D update:

No response has been received from the Highway Safety Committee regarding the letter sent to them by A. Bauman.

Law Enforcement update:

a. Meeting updates:

Nothing presented

b. Arrest and activity schedule:

The May 2011 Sheriff's Dept. Statistical Report / Law Enforcement Incident Report was handed out and reviewed by the committee. A. Bauman remarked about the continued steep rise in law incidents occurring in Lac du Flambeau. B. Brandenburg described his department as being "extremely busy"

c. Drug enforcement:

B. Brandenburg reported on efforts to control the local drug trade. He recently met in Madison with State law enforcement agencies. Neighborhood watch programs are being promoted in Lac du Flambeau.

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. 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.

Set date for next meeting:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Peter Christensen Health Care Center.

Adjournment:

Motion by G. Ciszek, 2nd by J. Harrison to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 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.