

Call to Order

This meeting of the County – Tribal Concerns Committee was called to order at 9:00 AM in the Peter Christianson Health Center Lac Du Flambeau meeting room by Chairman Al Bauman, with the following committee members present: Maynard Bedish, Mary Kim Black, Sig Hjemvick, Dennis Nielsen, and Elmer Rising Sun. Terry Allen Jr. was absent. Others addressing the committee during the meeting: Eric Swanson, Christian Allen, Kate Gardner, Karin Schmidt, and Chief Dep. Joe Fath.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair: Motion by Dennis Nielsen, 2nd by Maynard Bedish. All voted aye. Carried

Approve 29 November 2012 meeting minutes: Motion by Sig Hjemvick. 2nd by Dennis Nielsen. All voted aye. Carried.

Well Drug Court Program: Chairman Bauman commented on Judge Nielsen's need for \$3,500 for travel and training expenses. Source of revenue from Vilas County to cover the expense will have to be identified. S. Hjemvick to meet with Judge to work on solution. D. Nielsen will also contact the Judge.

Juvenile Intake update: Dir. Eric Swanson reported it has been necessary to put four juveniles in out of home placement as their conduct was dangerous to others. He advised this will impact his budget. Eric also advised the Tribe was looking at the need for a Truancy Officer. The Gang Reduction Initiative Program Strategy (GRIPS) members have been going to residences of individuals to make sure they were in school in order to prevent gang association. Christian Allen advised Tribal Social Services was working on reducing truancy by also going to juvenile residences.

Law Enforcement update: Chief Dep. Fath reported on 2012 arrest statistics and provided members with a copy of the report. Cooperation between Sheriff's Dept. and Tribal Police Dept. is working well.

Social Services update: Christian Allen reported Tribal Soc. Serv. Recently had 10 referrals and presently has 67 open cases. Kate Gardner reported a training program for foster parents is to be held in Rhinelander. Kate commented on a newspaper article on Soc. Serv. in the Lakeland Times. Both Christian and Kate commented on the good cooperation between Tribal and County Soc. Serv. They continue to work on cooperative agreements.

Public Health update: Chairman Bauman read an e-mail from Gina Egan, Vilas County Health Dept. It is believed current influenza outbreak is peaking. Current flu vaccine supplies are depleted. Hospitalization rates for very young and elderly are high. Two V.C.H.D. nurses will be attending a conference on Living With Chronic Disease – Train the Trainer. Vilas and Oneida Counties have joined to create the LEAN (Linking Education, Activity, and Nutrition) Coalition. The coalition's focus is the promotion of improved quality of life for those who suffer with any chronic disease. Staff of the Health Dept. and Peter Christiansen Healthcare are coalition members.

Set Date for next Meeting: Feb. 28th 2013

Adjournment: Motion by Maynard Bedish. 2nd by Elmer Rising Sun. All voted aye. Carried. Adjourned 11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sig Hjemvick

County Supervisor.