

MINUTES OF VILAS COUNTY COUNTY-TRIBAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Bauman at 9:05 am. The meeting was held in the Beverly Bauman Conference room on the Peter Christensen Health Center in Lac du Flambeau. Present were: Al Bauman, Racquel Zimmerman-Bell, Erv Teichmiller, Charles Rayala, Gina Egan, Chad Christensen, Bob Brandenburg, Mark Collins and Rick Martin. Excused were Mark Rogacki, Eric Swansoni and Kate Gardner.

Agenda approved on a motion by Rayala, seconded by Bauman.

Minutes of the June 30, 2014 meeting approved on a motion by Rayala, seconded by Bauman.

The Juvenile Justice report was given by Chad Christensen. He explained the status of truancy as defined by the statutes of the State of Wisconsin. Poor grades, bullying, AODA issues, and family problems contribute to truancy among many students. Problems are presented by both students and parents. Christensen reported on a recent meeting with tribal law enforcement concerning ways to address this issue both at the grade and high school levels. They hope to get an early start in the school year to hopefully reduce truancy issues.

Mark Collins reported on law enforcement issues. A new education program in the Vilas County Jail offered by LCO College has begun. The program also provides follow-up after release from the jail. He also presented the committee with a report from the Vilas County Jail detailing activity related to the tribal community.

Bauman raised concern again about the lack of a stop light at the entrance/exit of the casino. He has witness any number of times that drivers have ignored the stop sign and driven right through the intersection. Again, it was recommended that the County Highway Department and the Tribal Council take this matter to the DOT.

Gina Egan reported that her department had responded to requests to inspect and close down a number of homes in the Tribal community. The Elder Abuse I-Team is looking for participation from the Tribal community. Health Care program is developing for health emergency planning. The Department's dental program is working well.

Next meeting will be September 26, 2014, in Lac du Flambeau, at 9 am.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Bauman.

Erv Teichmiller, Recorder