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## Bodéwadmi LAUNCH Consortium Minutes from Inaugural Chi Mno Penojewen Task Force Meeting aka Central Young Child Wellness Council, March 25, 2013

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Meeting: Bodéwadmi LAUNCH Consortium's Inaugural Chi Penojewen Task Force Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, March 25, 2013, 4:00 –5:30 pm

Location: Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency, 1819 E. Milham Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49002

\*Attendees: Gun Lake: Phyllis Davis, Director, Health and Human Services and Gun Lake Tribal Councilperson; Leslie Pigeon, Behavioral Health Coordinator; Carolyn Bush, YCW Coordinator; John Bush, Tribal Elder

Huron: Dan Green, Chief Planning Officer; Val Janowski, LAUNCH Grant Manager; Jessi Goldner, parent of young children and Administrative Assistant – Membership Services; Beth Moody, Healthy Start/Community Health Nurse; Barry Phillips, Education Specialist; Martin Robinson, Community Resources Coordinator; Scott Ryder, Tribal Court Administrator

Pokagon: Mark Pompey, Director of Social Services; JT Laraway, YCW Coordinator; Conrad Church, Director of Language and Culture; Sarah Hyatt, parent of a young child and Head Start Director; Becky Price, Community Health Nurse; Steve Rambeaux, Tribal Court Administrator

Brazelton Touchpoints Center: Cathy Ayoub, Ceni Myles

Cultural presenter: Jason Wesaw

### 1. Opening:

- John Bush, traditional elder, opened with a prayer in the Potawatomi language
- Jason Wesaw sang a song on his hand drum
- Introductions were made all around for this, the inaugural meeting of the Consortium's Chi Mno Penojewen ('Big' "Good Childhood"), Task Force known to SAMHSA as the Central Young Child Wellness Council

2. Dan Green provided an overview of the formation of the Bodéwadmi LAUNCH Consortium.

3. Val Janowski provided an overview of Project LAUNCH.

4. Cathy Ayoub provided an overview of the evaluation piece. Brazelton is part of the Harvard Medical School. Cathy is a co-principal investigator there. She explained that Brazelton listens to tribes and helps them capture each of their stories. She stressed that it's up to the Consortium to decide what it is that the tribes want to do to promote young child wellness with their LAUNCH grant.

5. Cathy explained the sociogram activity that is designed to gather information to understand what relationships exist in each tribal community between different sectors—as well as the strength and challenges of those relationships--both internally between tribal departments and entities (such as Tribal Council) and also outside agencies. Representatives from each Tribe worked in huddles. Cathy, working with tribal folks, developed a list of the some of the programs that three tribes have. See reverse side for list.

6. Dinner immediately followed the meeting, catered by Rock Island Restaurant, a Pokagon Band citizen-owned restaurant.

\*The following tribal departments and sectors were represented: Behavioral Health, Clinical Health, Early Education (Head Start), Education, Healthy Start, Language and Culture, Medicaid, parents of young children, Social Services, Tribal Court

### Tribal Programs/Departments Across the Three Tribes

<b>Huron</b>	<b>Pokagon</b>	<b>Gun Lake</b>
Head Start (ITC) - 2	Head Start (ITC) - 1	-
Health Center - 2	Health Clinic – 1	Health Clinic – not yet
Home Visitation Program	-	Home Visitation Program
Tribal Education	Tribal Education	Tribal Education
Local Elementary	Local Elementary	Local Elementary
Language and Culture	Language and Culture	Language and Culture
Tribal Environmental	Tribal Environmental	Tribal Environmental
Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health
Judicial	Judicial	Judicial
Police	Police	Police
State Judicial	State Judicial	State Judicial
Housing	Housing	Housing
DV being developed (SANE/SART)	DV (new) refer out	DV – refer out
Elders	Elders	Elders
Tribal C	Tribal C	Tribal C
Non-Tribal Social Services	Non-Tribal Social Services	Non-Tribal Social Services
Veterans – getting stronger	Veterans	Veterans – starting
YCWC	YCWC	YCWC
Planner	Planner	Planner