



MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

Executive Branch of Tribal Government

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 183-18

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CONVENING AN EXECUTIVE INQUIRY AND APPOINTING HEARING OFFICERS ON THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mille Lacs Band Statute 4 MLBA § 6(e) the Chief Executive is authorized to issue Executive Orders on any subject matter within the Executive Branch of Band Government pursuant to the authorities conferred by Band Statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Band Statute 4 MLBSA § 12(a)(3), the Chief Executive is authorized to hold Executive Hearings to investigate and inquire into matters affecting the general welfare of the Band and the organs of Band government; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness, responsiveness, and integrity of the Mille Lacs Band Department of Health and Human Services (“the Department”) is of great importance to the people of the Mille Lacs Band; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive has determined that, in order to inquire into and improve the effectiveness, responsiveness and integrity of the Department in a prudent manner, it is proper and necessary to conduct an Executive Hearing into the Department’s structure, the Department’s delivery of services to Band members, the Department’s expenditure of funding allocated for health and human services, and the Department’s implementation of its mission and of Band law; and

WHEREAS, under 4 MLBSA § 12(b), all executive hearings shall be held in accordance with 4 MLBSA § 13, which sets forth the procedures for conducting hearings of inquiry; and

WHEREAS, under 4 MLBSA § 12(c) the powers of subpoena shall be available to any executive hearing of inquiry; and

WHEREAS, 4 MLBSA § 13(a) provides for executive hearings to be conducted by a Hearing Officer appointed by the Chief Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band has retained the Jacobson Law Group, 180 5th St. E. #940, St. Paul, MN to conduct an Executive Inquiry Hearing regarding the Department of Health and Human Services; and

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WHEREAS, in furtherance of that assignment, the Chief Executive has determined that the Jacobson Law Group and its attorneys, Susan Allen and Joe Halloran, shall serve as hearing officers pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 13(a) for the hearing that is the subject of this Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

1. An Executive Hearing shall be held regarding the Mille Lacs Band Department of Health and Human Services (“the Department”); and

2. The purpose of the hearing shall be to develop written recommendations to improve the effectiveness, responsiveness and integrity of the Department, including but not limited to recommendations for restructuring the Department; and

3. The hearing shall inquire into the structure of the Department, the Department’s delivery of services to Band members, the Department’s expenditure of funding allocated for health and human services, and the Department’s implementation of its mission and of Band law; and

4. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with 4 MLBSA §§ 12, 13 and 14 and in a manner designed to achieve its purpose while minimizing disruption to the Department’s on-going operations; and

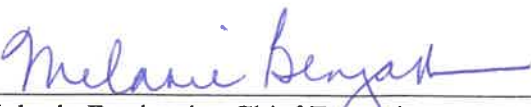
5. The Jacobson Law Group and its attorneys Susan Allen and Joe Halloran are appointed as hearing officers pursuant to 4 MLBSA § 13(a) for the purpose of conducting the hearing; and

6. The hearing officers shall have subpoena power to gather information and command the attendance and testimony of individuals in connection with the hearing as provided in 4 MLBSA § 12(c); and

7. To the extent necessary and appropriate, the hearing officers shall consult with Band members, Band elected and appointed officials, Department staff, and experts in the fields of health and human services in conducting the hearing; and

8. The hearing officers shall submit a written report to the Chief Executive, the Band Assembly and the Administrative Policy Board providing recommendations to improve the effectiveness, responsiveness and integrity of the Department, including but not limited to recommendations for restructuring the Department.

Dated: This 3rd Day of December, 2018.



Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive

Expiration Date: September 30, 2019

