

# Gaming Authority eliminates CEO position



**DENISE CHASE,  
DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

The tribal Gaming Authority eliminated the position of chief operating officer with the desire to restructure the executive level casino oversight. An RFP was prepared and sent out to invite those with executive casino leadership experience to bid on what they have to offer to help us improve our revenues, customer service and team member morale. We have over a half-dozen interested parties

who are scheduled to present to the Kewadin Gaming Authority. We are very excited to hear the various ideas and fresh approach to how we can improve.

Over the last few weeks, the board has been meeting with the executive directors, CFO and division directors to review their FY 2015 budgets. Although we reviewed some budgets, the board wanted to make sure that services were not left unfunded for a period between expiration of the fiscal year 2014 budgets and approval of the fiscal year 2015 budgets. So the board approved a continuing resolution for a period not to exceed 30 days for about 73 program cost centers. The board will be attending more budget meetings for the next couple of weeks to review the remaining 2015 budgets with staff.

Marlene Glaesman, Rural Health director, has informed the board that they are in the process of selecting and relocating to new office space for the Marquette site. She will be bringing the lease and information forward

to the board for a vote at the next scheduled board meeting. This will allow for Community Health nursing, Community Health tech and registered dietitians to continue to distribute medications, do home visits and office visits for health promotion, monitoring, education and counseling services to re-establish foot clinics. This was an area that was identified by the Ad Hoc Committee to revitalize health access.

## **Two-percent**

There is no new update on the fall 2014 2 percent dollar amounts available for distribution or which projects will be awarded funding. We have not received the requests or applications yet. The fall cycle distribution applications were being accepted through the Sept. 30 deadline. We should be able to give you an update in the next issue of the paper.

## **Heating assistance**

The tribe's LIHEAP (energy) program will open up on Nov. 1. For more information or to request an application or appointment, call Viola Neadow

at 341-6993 or 1-800-347-7137. I have been receiving many calls for heat assistance, so make sure to call and get your application in ASAP!

## **Indian Pointe, Nahma, Mich.**

I was able to attend the blessing of the new Indian Pointe cross in Nahma, Mich. A Catholic blessing along with a traditional blessing and ceremony was done in our Native language by Chairman Payment and John Miller also sang and drummed. I would like to thank both of them. Thank you to the elders who shared their memories of attending church there. I would like to say megwetch to everyone who was involved with the set up and the blessing and to those who provided a meal after the ceremony. Chi megwetch to Lucas Bradshaw and his fellow iron workers who constructed and erected the 20-foot cross.

If you are interested in attending cultural or language classes in the western end areas, please call myself or Director Morrow. We are in the process

of compiling a list of names of individuals interested. We will forward the list and your contact information to the Cultural Department director. This is very important because in order to get cultural or language classes brought back or funding and expanded to the western end, we have to identify the need and/or number of individuals to participate.

The board of directors approved the purchase of a Zeiss Cirrus Photo 600 device for \$74,550. This optical assessment tool will assist clinicians in diagnosing and managing glaucoma, diabetic retinal disease and age related macular degeneration. Diabetes causes many serious retinal problems and by purchasing this piece of equipment should improve patient care and treatment.

If you need to contact me, call (906) 322-3819 or by email at [dchase@saulttribe.net](mailto:dchase@saulttribe.net).

Thank you,  
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