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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 16, 2018
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present:	<i>Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair, Hon. Dennis M. Perluss, Co-chair, Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Hilary A. Chittick, Hon. Leonard Edwards(Ret.), Ms. Heather Hostler, Hon. Lawrence C. King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Hon. Lester Marston, Hon. Mark Radoff, Hon. John Sugiyama, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Christine Williams, and Hon. Christopher Wilson, and Hon. Joseph Wiseman</i>
Advisory Body Members Absent:	<i>Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Kimberly Gaab, Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Susanne Kingsbury, Hon. William Kockenmeister, Hon. David Riemenschneider, and Hon. Claudette White</i>
Others Present:	<i>Ms.Carolynn Bernabe, Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Charlene Depner, Ms. Bonnie Hough, Ms. Caroline LaPorte, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum, and Ms. Joy Ricardo</i>

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The co-chairs called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Forum approved the June 7, 2018 meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-6)

Info 1

Cochairs Report

Update on [nomination](#)/appointment process

Justice Perluss provided an update on the Forum appointments for new and returning members, and advisory committee membership to be effective September 15, 2018.

Info 2

StrongHearts Native Helpline

Presenter: Caroline LaPorte, Senior Native Affairs Policy Advisor for NIWRC/StrongHearts

The StrongHearts Native Helpline is a partnership project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline to create a helpline to respond to the high rates of violence in Native communities. Advocates who possess a strong knowledge and understanding of Native cultures and tradition offer support and resources in a safe, confidential and healing environment. To date, more than 850 calls have been received from victims, survivors, concerned family members and friends, service providers, and abusive partners, helping to fill a gap in critically needed support services for Native survivors of

domestic violence. Those reaching out to StrongHearts in its first year alone clearly demonstrate the need for culturally-rooted and tribally-run resources for Native people. At the end of last year, the StrongHearts team had completed a database project to identify culturally-specific and tribally-based resources for American Indians and Alaska Natives, a group that experiences high rates of violence and unique barriers to receiving justice and support. The database project confirmed that there is a severe gap in these specialized services for Native survivors in the aftermath of these crimes. There is a strong need for a national Helpline, such as StrongHearts.

More than 4 in 5 Native women and men have experienced violence in their lifetime, and more than 1 in 3 Native people have experienced violence within the past year, according to the National Institute of Justice. Of those who had experienced violence, more than 1 in 3 Native women and more than 1 in 6 Native men were unable to access the supportive services they needed. It's important to recognize that our people are more than just statistics. Behind these numbers are our relatives—Native women, men and families impacted by domestic violence and dating violence, and they need our support.

For more information about the StrongHearts Native Helpline, pls. visit www.strongheartshelpline.org; call (844) 7NATIVE or 1 (844) 762-8483. Advocates are available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Callers after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline or call back the next business day. There is no cost to callers, and all calls remain anonymous and confidential.

Info 3
Peer Court

Presenter: Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Chief Judge, Intertribal Court of Southern California

Judge Sykes and Judge Lomayesva reported on Riverside Peer/Youth court model designed to educate youth involvement in the peer/youth court as an alternative approach to the traditional juvenile justice system. Riverside is in partnership with UCLA to provide education credit to youth who participate in this program. A pilot program will be introduced in Spring 2019.

Info 4
VOCA Trainings

Presenter: Hon. Mark Radoff, Chief Judge, Chemehuevi Tribal Court

On June 22, 2018, Tribal Court Protective Orders Training was held at the Judicial Council Offices in San Francisco. Training covered drafting enforceable tribal court protective orders to ensure they meet the requirements for full faith and credit under state and federal law. Judge Radoff reported that the materials, fact scenarios exercises, drafting tips and fact patterns were helpful. Kelly Stoner was the trainer from the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

Info 5
Legislative Update

Presenter: Andi Liebenbaum, Attorney, Judicial Council Governmental Affairs

AB 3047 (Daly): Waives pro hac vice fees for tribal attorneys appearing in California courts in ICWA cases— On the Senate's 3rd Reading file, could be voted on any day.

AB 3076 (Reyes): Dependent upon a budgetary grant of funding to the State Bar of California for \$1 million, this bill would require State Bar of California to make grants to tribal legal services programs participating ICWA cases. Held on suspense (dead).

AB 3176 (Waldron): Conforms CA law to updated Federal ICWA laws. Passed out of suspense as amended. Will now go to the Senate Floor.

Info 6

Recent and Upcoming Conferences

Presenter: Vida Castaneda

On September 12-14, 2018 at the California Collaborative Courts Conference (CACC), Judge Christine Williams, Judge Suzanne Kingsbury will present on joint court jurisdiction. Judge Abby Abinanti and Justice Dennis Perluss will present on the work of the Forum, and tribal justice documentary will be shown in the evening.

On September 21, 2018 at the UC Davis School of Law, the Tribal Justice Project will be hosting the Tribal Court Symposium. If you would like further information on the event, please contact [Judge Christine Williams](#) or [Vida Castaneda](#).

On September 28, 2018 at the California State Capitol in Sacramento, the Governor, the Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association in partnership with the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association and the Central California Tribal Chairpersons' Association will be hosting the 51st Native American Day. This annual event will be held from 9am-3pm. It will feature resource information, traditional demonstrations or activities, great food, dynamic speakers, traditional dancing and singing and is open to the public to attend. Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts Tribal/State Programs' unit will attend the event and will have a resource table. If your department or an agency you know of would be interested in having a resource table or a traditional demonstration booth, or if you would like more information about the event, please contact Vida Castaneda at (415) 865-7874 or visit the [event website](#) or you can visit the event page on Facebook.

The 16th National Indian Nations Conference will be held in Coachella Valley, California by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation from December 5-7, 2018. Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. This national conference provides opportunities for tribal, state, and federal participants to share knowledge, experiences, and ideas for developing and improving strategies and programs that serve the unique needs of crime victims in Indian Country. For further information or if you have any questions, please visit the [conference website](#). The website also contains information on lodging, draft agenda and scholarships.

Next Forum call is October 11, 2018.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on October 11, 2018.