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TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 10, 2019
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present:	<i>Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair, Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair, Hon. Erin Alexander, Hon. April Attebury, Hon Richard Blake, Hon. Leona Colegrove, Hon. Gregory Elvine-Kreis, Hon. Patricia Guerrero, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Hon. Cindy Smith, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Hon. Robert Trentacosta, Hon. Mark Vezzola, Hon. Claudette White, Hon. Joseph Wiseman.</i>
Advisory Body Members Absent:	<i>Hon. Hilary Chittick, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Ms. Heather Hostler, Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Kristina Kalka, Commissioner Jayne Lee, Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Hon. Michael Sachs, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Christine Williams, Hon. Sarah Works.</i>
Others Present:	<i>Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Joy Ricardo, Mr. Gregory Tanaka</i>

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The co-chairs called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Forum unanimously approved the August 8, 2019 meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-5)

Info 1

CoChairs Report

- Welcome to new members & update that appointments are filled.
- Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2019 Meeting

Info 2 – New Online Training Module for DV Advocates

Presenter: Gregory S. Tanaka, Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children and the Courts

The Forum was provided with an overview of the new online training module for Domestic Advocates via webex. Important needs were identified for ongoing training for Tribal Advocates

accessing and navigating the state courts system in cases of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The training module has been created on the entire process of accessing these systems with specific considerations paid to advocates working with Native Americans to address their specific needs. That course is available at:

http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/dvro/story_html5.html

Info 3 – Update on Child Welfare Council Activities

Presenter: Judge Claudette White, Chief Judge of the San Manuel Tribal Court

Judge Claudette White is an appointed member and only Native American member of the California Child Welfare Council. She would like to encourage her colleagues to join the council or attend their meetings. The focus of the Child Welfare Council is children in foster care and it provides useful information and resources that could be utilized by members of the Forum. Forum members asked how they could get involved with the Child Welfare Council and keep informed about upcoming meetings and activities. Judge White explained that staff to the Child Welfare Council, Chris Cleary, could add individuals to the mailing list for information. This might be an issue for further discussion at the Forum in person meeting in March.

Info 4 – Update on Rules and Forms Proposals, recent legislation and comments on Federal Register

Presenter: Ann Gilmour, Attorney, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children and the Courts

Ann Gilmour updated the Forum on changes to the Rules of Court and multiple forms pertaining to ICWA that were approved during the Judicial Council's September 24, 2019 meeting. These will go into effect on January 1, 2020. AB175 that recognizes the rights of all Indian children in foster care and other bills followed by the Forum have been signed into law by Governor Newsom and will begin taking effect in the coming months.

Comments on an updated communication system/data base between the State of California and Native American Tribes will be drafted in the next few weeks. Any comments or contributions are welcome.

Info 5 Recent and Upcoming Conferences

Presenter: Vida Castaneda, Senior Analyst, Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the first annual Northern California Judges' Dinner Event on October 3rd and the second Bay Area ICWA Symposium on October 4th. We have received positive feedback from both events.
- October 4, 2019 - December 14, 2019: The San Francisco Arts Commission will be featuring the "Continuing the Thread: Celebrating our Interwoven Histories, Identities and Contributions" events throughout San Francisco. These events are connected to

celebrating the 50th anniversary of the occupation of Alcatraz, Native American Heritage Month and the removal of the Early Days statue from Civic Center. For more information please visit sfartscommission.org

- October 16-18, 2019: The 2019 National Tribal Judicial and Court Personnel Conference will be held in Prior Lake, Minnesota at the Mystic Lake Hotel and Casino. The conference will be celebrating 50 years of NAICJA.
- A reminder to check The California Association of Collaborative Courts conference website at CA2C.org about updated information for their conference to be held October 28 – 30, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sacramento.
- November 22-24, 2019: San Diego State University in Partnership with the Southern California Warrior Spirit Family will host the California Genocide Conference: The Genocide, Oppression, Resilience, and Sovereignty of the First Peoples of California. This conference will be held at San Diego State University.
- Beyond the Bench 25, hosted by the CFCC, will take place in San Diego on December 17 –18, 2019 with pre-conference events on December 16, 2019. Registration is now open, please visit the link: www.courts.ca.gov/btb25.htm There will be workshops related to tribal issues and communities featured in the pre-conference and conference events.

Next Forum call is December 12, 2019.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Approvaed by the advisory body on December 12, 2019.