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TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

April 8, 2021
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: *Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair*, Hon. Erin Alexander, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Kristina Kalka, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Delia Sharpe, Hon. Cindy Smith, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Hon. Mark Vezzola, Hon. Christine Williams.

Advisory Body Members Absent: *Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair*, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Hilary Chittick, Hon. Leona Colegrove, Hon. Gregory Elvine-Kreis, Hon. Patricia Guerrero, Ms. Heather Hostler, Commissioner Jayne Lee, Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Hon. Michael Sachs, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. Robert Trentacosta, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Claudette White, Hon. Joseph Wiseman.

Others Present: Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Charline Depner, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum, Ms. Amanda Morris, Mr. Tom Liddo, Ms. Leah Lujan.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The co-chairs called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Forum approved the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Judge Lawrence King, seconded by Judge Sunshine Sykes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Info 1

Co-Chairs Report

The Forum approved the February 11, 2021 meeting minutes

Forum members were updated on the status of the 2021 annual agenda by Ann Gilmour.

Info 2

Upcoming Tribal Justice Collaborative Events

Presenters: Tom Lidot (Tlingit), Tribal Liaison for the Tribal Justice Collaborative of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Tom Lidot, tribal liaison for the Tribal Justice Collaborative of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute extended an invitation to Forum members to the Central California Judges Dinner (held virtually). The Invitation to register for the event will be shared with the Judicial Council to send to Forum members. Tom also introduced his new team member Leah Lujan, tribal liaison for central California, to the Forum members.

Info 3

Annual Agenda – Truth and Healing Project Discussion

Presenter: Cochair, All

Forum members discussed the Truth and Healing Project, an item on the annual agenda, and upcoming projects/events associated with the project.

It was mentioned that all California State courts, and particularly trial courts are supposed to have a local committee on bias and the Truth and Healing Project can dovetail with those committees. A new subcommittee was proposed to move this project forward.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N I T E M (I T E M 1)

Item 1

Legislation

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on June 10, 2021.