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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

June 10, 2021
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: *Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair, Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair, Hon. Erin Alexander, Hon. Leona Colegrove, Hon. Mark Juhas, Hon. Kristina Kalka, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Michael Sachs, Hon. Delia Sharpe, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Hon. Mark Vezzola, Hon. Christine Williams.*

Advisory Body Members Absent: *Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Hilary Chittick, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Hon. Gregory Elvine-Kreis, Hon. Patricia Guerrero, Ms. Heather Hostler, Commissioner Jayne Lee, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Hon. Cindy Smith, Hon. Robert Trentacosta, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Joseph Wiseman.*

Others Present: *Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Francine Byrne, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Sheri Galino, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Marymichael Smrdeli, What Mr. Corby Sturges, Mr. Randolph Peshon.*

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 April 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Judge Lawrence King. Seconded by Judge Mark Vezzola.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-3)

Info 1

Co-Chairs Report

The Forum approved the April 8, 2021 meeting minutes

Info 2

Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee – opportunities for cross-committee collaboration

Presenters: Undersheriff Randolph Peshon (retired), El Dorado County Sheriff's Office
Placerville

Undersheriff Randolph Peshon gave the committee an overview of the recent work of the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee and subcommittees.

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

Item 1
Rules Proposal

Ann Gilmour and Andi Liebenbaum updated the committee on the following legislation of interest:

AB 627 – Tribal Court divorce decree recognition by State Courts

AB 855 – Court closure holiday – the courts will no longer recognize Columbus Day and will instead recognize Native American Day.

SB 354 – Bill expands the opportunity for children to get placement by allowing courts to grant exceptions for family members who have been previously of an offence.

AB 873 – Tribal matching share of costs under Child Welfare Services agreements.

AB 640 – Bill involves terminating and reestablishing jurisdiction orders

AB 546 – Bill involves information to be provided to youths before turning 18 years old.

SB 739 – Universal basic income, including a \$1000/month stipend for 3 years for foster youth.

AB 260 - Bill would authorize the probate court to refer a child to a welfare agency for investigation for the purpose of ensuring child gains access to correct resources.

Also discussed was the rules and forms proposal regarding ICWA's application to probate/temporary guardianship. The proposal has circulated for public comment and staff sought direction on how to respond to several comments. Committee agreed to form a small group to discuss this topic with the Probate and Mental Health Advisory Committee.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on August 12, 2021.