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TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 14, 2021
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: *Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair, Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair, Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Erin Alexander, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Hon. Patricia Guerrero, 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. Richard Blake, Hon. Hilary Chittick, Hon. Leona Colegrove, Hon. Gregory Elvine-Kreis, 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. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Anne Hadreas, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum.*

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 August 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Judge Christine Williams, seconded by Judge Joseph Wiseman.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-4)

Info 1

Cochairs Report

Approve August 12, 2021 meeting minutes.

Welcome new Forum committee members.

Info 2

Presentation on the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Court

Presenter: Hon. Nicholas J. Mazanec, Chief Judge of the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Court

Judge Nicholas Mazanec, Chief Judge of the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Court provided an overview of the history of the Trinidad Rancheria Tribal community; the current justice challenges faced by the tribe and the history of the tribal court. This included the tribe's efforts to solve community problems, collaborations with local justice services and expanding tribal court services.

Info 3

Presentation on the Shingle Springs Rancheria Tribal Court

Presenter: Hon. Victorio Shaw, Chief Judge of the Shingle Springs Rancheria Tribal Court

Judge Shaw provided the forum with an overview of the Shingle Springs Rancheria including a history of the tribe, current situation of the tribal population, challenges the community has faced related to access to justice, history of the tribal court, status of current court operations, including collaborations with local justice partners and plans for future expansion of tribal court programs and case types.

Info 4

CSEC Court Harm Reduction Guide and Bench Tools

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

Vida Castaneda reported that In July of 2021 she was appointed to serve as JCC representative to the Executive Committee of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Action team. The CSEC Action Team is a workgroup of the California Child Welfare Council and the Executive Committee is responsible for planning the quarterly meetings and driving the work of prevention, harm reduction, and education on CSEC issues in collaboration with representatives from the CDSS CSEC Unit and the survivor Advisory Board. One of the upcoming projects is a CSEC Harm Reduction Guide and Bench Tools for Courts. Interested Forum members are invited to reach out to Vida if they would like to participate in development of the harm reduction guide.

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.

Approved by the advisory body on December 9, 2021.