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TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

December 9, 2021
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: *Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair*, Hon. Erin Alexander, Hon. April Attebury, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Hon. Ana España, Hon. Patricia Guerrero, Mr. Christopher Haug, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Hon. Nicholas Mazanec, Hon. Victorio Shaw, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. Dean Stout, Hon. Allen Sumner, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Christine Williams.

Advisory Body Members Absent: *Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair*, Hon. Richard Blake, Hon. Leona Colegrove, Hon. Gregory Elvine-Kreis, Hon. Joni Hiramoto, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Hon. Michael Sachs, Hon. Delia Sharpe, Hon. Mark Vezzola, Hon. Joseph Wiseman.

Others Present: Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Charli Depner, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Mr. Marshall Galvan, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Anne Hadreas, Ms. Sharon Hopkins-Bright, Ms. Andi Liebenbaum, Ms. Amanda Morris, Ms. Sherri Peterson, Mr. Dan Richardson, Ms. Stephanie Weldon.

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 October 14, 2021 meeting minutes by consensus.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-4)

Info 1

Cochairs Report

The Forum approved the October 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

Info 2

Opportunities for Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration in Criminal Matters – Yurok Tribe and Humboldt County

Presenter: Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court

Judge Abinanti gave Forum members a presentation on Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration efforts underway between the Yurok Tribe and Humboldt County in criminal matters. The jurisdictions are building on the success of their collaborations in child welfare cases. Judge Abinanti presented examples of how working together can provide a better understanding of the community, better meet the needs of the tribal community, and allowed for increased success and completion rates for various types of court mandated programs.

Action Item 3

Rules and Forms – Implementation of Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

Presenter: Daniel Richardson, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California

Daniel Richardson provided the Forum with an update on the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory committee's proposal implementing Assembly Bill 153. The proposal was approved by the Judicial Council during their meeting on October 1, 2021. Five forms were created and a rule of court 5.618 was adopted.

The proposal will be circulated for public comment in April 2022. Judicial Council staff will ensure it circulates to tribal representatives especially.

Action Item 4

Rules and Forms –

• Implementation of Assembly Bill 627 – Recognition of Tribal Court Orders Relating to the Division of Marital Assets

Presenter: Ann Gilmour, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California

Ann Gilmour presented to the committee the first draft of an Invitation to Comment and several forms to implement AB627 which will go out for public comment. Several Forum members had questions and revisions and will email them for research and implementation.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Pending approval by the advisory body on February 10, 2022.