

March 21, 2013 Forum Conference Call Notes

- 1) Legislation and Rules and Forms: Discussion of status of forum proposals, which are maintained on the forum page: (<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>):
 - a. Legislative proposal to amend Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827 Approved by Executive and Planning Committee, as part of forum annual agenda, and now joint proposal with Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee. Proposal will be heard by PCLC on 4/11, and if approved, it will be circulated for comment
 - a. SB 406 (see <http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/Tribal-CourtCivilJudgmentFactSheet.pdf>)- adopted by council and sponsored by Senator Noreen Evans, not yet set for hearing
 - b. Child support- Rules and Projects Committee (RUPRO) on 4/15/13 to recommend circulating for comment
 - c. Psychotropic medication- RUPRO on 4/15/13 to recommend circulating for comment
 - d. ICWA and delinquency cases- RUPRO on 3/22/13 to recommend for California Judicial Council approval with effective date of 07/01/13
- 2) Violence Against Women Act reauthorization (VAWA 2013): Discussion resulted in decision to celebrate the reauthorization of the act and to highlight the tribal provisions at Native American Day on the Capitol Lawn in Sacramento on September 25. Judge Gomez is taking the lead and several forum members volunteered to help her. Staff directed to invite Chief to attend event at the capitol and to summarize the VAWA 2013 tribal provisions and Native American Day in the Forum E-Update.
- 3) Response to Sheriff Questions: The federal requirement for law enforcement to do a “double verification” for all orders issued by a tribal or state court is redundant for tribal protective orders. The requirement is for law enforcement to double check with the agency that entered the record into the statewide database; under the new rule of court, that agency is the same local county law enforcement agency. Forum discussed next steps, and directed staff to follow up with sheriffs and dispatch to confirm that this is true in practice.
- 4) Cross-Court Cultural Exchange: Forum members shared their local collaborative successes, and Judge White and Judge Ulloa were praised for leading the way with the first cross-cultural court exchange held at Quechan. Participants included superintendent of schools, mental health, probation, law enforcement (tribal and nontribal), social services, domestic violence advocates, Court Appointed Special Advocates, tribal elders, tribal council members, and former foster children. The next exchange is scheduled for May 29th at Yurok.