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TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

August 8, 2019
12:15-1:15 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present:	<i>Hon. Abby Abinanti, Co-chair, Hon. Suzanne Kingsbury, Cochair, Hon. Erin Alexander, Justice Patricia Guerrero, Ms. Heather Hostler, Hon. Kristina Kalka, Chief Judge Devon Lomayesva, Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Chief Judge Mark Vezzola, Hon. Michael Sachs, Hon. Cindy Smith, Ms. Christina Snider, Hon. John Sugiyama, Hon. Sunshine Sykes, Chief Judge Christine Williams</i>
Advisory Body Members Absent:	<i>Chief Judge April Attebury, Chief Judge Richard Blake, Hon. Hilary Chittick, Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Ret., Hon. Mark Juhas, Chief Judge Lawrence King, Chief Judge William Kockenmeister, Chief Judge Patricia Lenzi, Chief Judge Lester Marston, Hon. Robert Trentacosta, Hon. Ulloa, Chief Judge Claudette White, Chief Judge Joseph Wiseman</i>
Others Present:	<i>Chloe Noonan, Faride Perez-Aucar, Vida Castaneda, Lural Ayala, Amanda Morris, Charli Depner, Audrey Fancy, Joy Ricardo</i>

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The co-chairs called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Forum approved the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes. (There was no meeting on June 13, 2019.)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-5)

Info 1

CoChairs Report

- Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2019 Meeting
Acknowledgement of receipt of public comment and disbursement to the members occurred before the meeting.
- Update on California State Bar Justice Gap Study

It was decided Tribes could not be addressed by this study and would be addressed separately. Judge Kingsbury agreed.

- Update on Forum appointments
- Forum in person meeting – March 19, 2020. Save the Date

Info 2

Presentation from Christina Snider on the Governor's recent apology to California's Native American's and establishment of the Truth and Healing Council

Presenter: Ms. Christina E. Snider, Tribal Advisor of the Office of the Governor Gavin Newsom and Executive Secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission

The committee was presented with an overview of Governor Gavin Newsom's apology on behalf of the state of California to a representative group of Native Americans for historical mistreatment, murder and neglect. The Governor also signed an executive order forming the Truth and Healing Council to address the wounds the state has caused to California Native Americans. The Governor's office will be issuing a notice of consultation for the best vehicle to facilitate the council. There will be a final report produced expected by January 1, 2025.

Question asked: Are there any efforts associated with this executive order to expand to a federal program? Ms. Snider responded that there are no efforts by the state to coordinate with the federal government, but the Governor's office is willing to coordinate with other states and governors looking to do similar work.

Question asked: Was there any discussion about the educational system being addressed as part of the Truth and Healing Council? Ms. Snider responded that the education system has not been addressed but is a good item to add to the list.

Hon. Abby Abinanti recommends forming an informal sub-committee and notes that Nevada is also pursuing a similar action and could benefit from coordination with California.

Info 3

Presentation from Root & Rebound on their work with tribal re-entry

Presenters: Chloe Noonan, National Legal Education & Resource Coordinator & Faride Perez-Aucar, Legal Fellow, Root and Rebound

The committee was presented with the history and formation of the Root and Rebound organization. Their mission is to transfer power from legal community to those who were formally incarcerated with a goal of supporting a success re-entry into living a safe and productive life. The organization is state-wide with headquarters in Oakland.

Roots and Rebound has created a tribal reentry advocacy guide and are able to offer trainings for various audiences. Contact info@rootandrebound.org.

Info 4

Legislative Update

Presenter: Andi Liebenbaum, Attorney, Judicial Council of California Governmental Affairs

The Committee was provided an update on capacity building grants AB685 and AB686. The legislative summer recess is not over until August 12, 2019 and all bills for consideration must be before Governor Newsom by September 13, 2019. If the Governor fails to sign or veto a bill it will automatically become law, though this occurs infrequently.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs published notices in the federal register about updating federal regulations related to several issues including; the list of tribal courts and payment for appointed counsel in ICWA cases. The Judicial Council Office of Governmental Affairs will draft comments based on the Judicial Council guidelines on commenting on federal proposals.

Info 5

Recent and Upcoming Conferences

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

- Tribal Justice Collaborative's 8th annual Southern California judges' dinner event on August 16, 2019 to be held on the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Event Center in Highland, California.
- Tribal Law and Policy Institute will be featuring the Tribal Healing to Wellness Court Enhancement Training on September 10-12, 2019.
- The 52nd Annual California Native American Day will take place on the west steps of the California State Capitol on September 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- The 2nd Annual Bay Area ICWA Symposium will be held on October 4, 2019 at the Judicial Council's San Francisco office. Workshop proposals will be accepted until August 23, 2019.
- The California Association of Collaborative Courts will hold their Annual Conference from October 28-30, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sacramento.
- Beyond the Bench 25 will take place in San Diego on December 17-18, 2019 with pre-conference events on December 16, 2019. The theme is: Joining Forces for a Better Future for Children and Families.

Next Forum call is October 10, 2019.

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 October 10, 2019.