



The New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium

*STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS, FOSTERING
COMMUNICATIONS*

**Quarterly Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2016
Second Judicial District Court
John Brown Juvenile Justice Center
5100 Second Street NW, Chama Conference Room
9:00 a.m.**

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Welcome, Introduction, and Announcements by Judge M. Monica Zamora and invocation by Judge William “Bluehouse” Johnson
- III. Action Items:
 - a. Meeting Minutes from July 2016: tabled for next meeting
 - b. NM Partner’s Meeting Notes tabled; Angela Peinado currently out on extended family leave.
- IV. New Business
 - a. MaryEllen Garcia with the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) asked for input in the form of discussion and a survey which will be added to the Tribal-State website. The CVRC was given a large grant and they are asking for input on how it should be spent around the state and they are particularly interested in how they may be able to collaborate with the Native tribes and nations to get these resources to their people. The spectrum is very broad in what they can offer agencies who help victims of crime, from hiring of Victim Advocates to funeral reimbursement. It does not matter if the crime was prosecuted but there does need to be a police report and agencies or advocates will have to apply for the victim. MaryEllen also offered the Commission’s collaboration with the upcoming DV Conference at Isleta Pueblo and possibly the BIA Conference.
 - b. Patricia Galindo and Judge Dominguez presented ICWA Designation Report from Suzanne Windsor at JID though due to some of these cases being sealed records were unable to distribute. At the same time Cynthia Chavers from CYFD had collaborated with Angela and Jennifer at AOC to compare ICWA data with the courts and their own records. The same report was being run unbeknownst to both sides so a collaboration/data sharing will need to take place in the future. Judge Zamora offered to take the information to Casey to see how we could put it all together since the data from each agency has not been lining up. CYFD needed the data to assist with obtaining funds from the Feds. All agreed that there is a huge need for training judges and court staff so that ICWA status can be recorded whenever it comes up in the case history. Justice Barbara Vigil offered this as laying the ground work to achieve accurate data, a push for training and sharing of data in order to support the formation of a NM ICWA Act as proposed by Judge Knight, or some other initiative. Patricia Galindo voiced concerns over who would have access to the running and viewing this report due to the sequestered nature of some of the cases. Judge Johnson asked for this effort to be named, one suggestion was Indian Child Data Standards. Judge Romero wanted to make sure that courts are notifying the tribes when an ICWA child is recognized.
 - c. Cynthia Chavers, CYFD – Bureau Chief replacing Monique Jacobson. (? , not sure I heard this right) Cynthia has been with CYFD for 21 years and belongs to the Lumbee Tribe in North Carolina. She has been working with CWCLC/Beth Gillia on New Judges Training since its inception and they are






wanting to add ICWA training with Judge Romero and possibly Professor Fairbanks. CYFD is also working on updating their procedures with the new rules that will be going into effect. Cynthia asked the Consortium to collaborate and it was suggested that she bring in Donalyn/The ICWA Consortium as well.

CYFD is also updating their Children's Code policies. Their Title IV-E Guardian Assistance Program is very active and they are looking to expand the program to speed up permanency for children who may be 'stuck' in the system. While they are waiting to hear back from the Children's Bureau on this there is a concern that eligibility has fallen. Justice Barbara Vigil asked Cynthia to contact her later on this to discuss this issue more in detail and identified it as a training issue. Judge Romero offered that Odyssey could be modified to have a rule date set in place as a reminder to get these placements going.

V. Other Business

- a. Judge Knight reminded all about the upcoming Conference at the Isleta Report to be held December 15-16 will focus on Domestic Violence. They would like to bring in MaryEllen and CVRC to present.
- b. Judge Zamora asked all committee chairs to review the strategic plan to verify their to-dos and give updates and data to Jennifer so she can begin formulating the Annual Report.
- c. Budget has \$3K in contractual and will look into possibly using it to contract with Hilari of Casey for data.
- d. Next July meeting to be held in Grants, hosted by the Navajo Judiciary; April meeting possibly can be held at the Supreme Court in Santa Fe.
- e. Judge Johnson will look into the revision of the Tribal Law Journal's Tribal Court Handbook and see if can be put on a disk or uploaded to the website.
- f. Judge Collins to look into the North Dakota rule on model orders. Supreme Court still reviewing model order packet submitted earlier this year.

VI. Upcoming Dates

-  **Tribal-State Meeting at CLI: January 11, 2017 (Hotel Albuquerque)**
-  **CLI: January 11, 2017-January 13, 2017 (Hotel Albuquerque)**
-  **Tribal-State Meeting: April 7, 2017 (TBD) Possibly Supreme Court in Santa Fe**
-  **Tribal-State Meeting: July 7, 2017 (Hosted by Navajo Judicial in Grants)**
-  **Tribal-State Meeting: October __, 2017**

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 p.m.