

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRIBAL ALLIANCE (RCTA)
FOR INDIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Minimize Court and County intervention and increase Tribal participation and control by developing culturally appropriate services for Native American children and families. To create and sustain partnerships founded upon understanding, communication, and cultural awareness among the sovereign tribal nations and community and governmental agencies.

Friday March 21, 2014, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
66725 Martinez Road, Thermal CA 92274
Tribal Hall Building

MEETING MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS

The Invocation and welcome was given by Luke Madrigal.

Judge Sunshine Sykes was presented with a certificate of appreciation. This was in recognition of her participation in the Riverside County Tribal Alliance for Indian Children and Families and service to the juvenile in Riverside County.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

There being no objections the minutes of the February 22, 2013 and October 25, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 2: Subcommittee Workgroups

Domestic Violence Subcommittee

Ms. Thornsberry provided an update on the Domestic Violence subcommittee's accomplishments. The committee has created a brochure with Native American Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence. This brochure contains tribal specific resources available in addition to substance abuse, shelters, hotlines, county services, and resources for teens. Several members acknowledged the hard work of the subcommittee and expressed their thanks for producing such a valuable resource.

ICWA Workgroup

Aggie Jenkins discussed the accomplishments of the ICWA workgroup. A list compiling all the accomplishments were distributed which outlined the workgroups progress from 2002 to 2014.

Placement/Foster Care Subcommittee

A brief update on the Placement/Foster Care subcommittee was given by Ms. Laurel Brown.

ITEM 3: Presentation of Riverside County Early Intervention and Prevention Programs

Officer Ryan Railsback with Riverside Police Department presented juvenile intervention and diversion programs provided to youth. The programs discussed were Opportunity with Education "OWE", Riverside Youth Court, and the Youth Accountability Team.

ITEM 4: Open Discussion

Carol Nunes-Fong asked a question regarding CLETS access for Tribes. It was discussed that at this time Tribes cannot have access to CLETS terminals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

The foregoing represents my understanding of the March 21, 2014 meeting of the Riverside County Tribal Alliance for Indian Children and Families. Approval of these minutes will be requested at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Maurice
Division Manager for the Riverside Juvenile Court