

**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, January 20, 2012
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Location: San Manuel Village, 27995 Highland Avenue, Highland, CA 92346

MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS

The invocation was given by Luke Madrigal.

All members present at the meeting introduced themselves.

Everyone was then invited to help him or herself to the buffet and informed that the meeting would resume once everyone was re-seated.

It was announced that the agenda would be resumed when Judge Koosed and Judge Dickerson arrive, in the meantime we will skip to Item 5 the Indian Child & Family Services (ICFS) Update.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

There being no objections made, the minutes of the July 22, 2011 meeting were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 2: Tribal Chair and Co-Chair

It was announced that Judge Koosed would be stepping down as the Chair of the Tribal Alliance. New Juvenile Presiding Judge F. Paul Dickerson will be replacing Judge Koosed as the new Chair.

Luke Madrigal announced that he was considering stepping down as the co-chair. Tribes and members are asked to suggest ideas/interest for possible future co-chairs of the alliance.

ITEM 3: Goals/Direction of the Alliance in 2012.

Annette Chihuahua of Torres Martinez states that the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians will host the next Tribal Alliance Meeting. The meeting date is set for April 20, 2012 from 12:00-4:00 PM at the Torres Martinez Tribal Hall.

Judge Koosed states how much he has enjoyed being a part of the Tribal Alliance. He recommends that a scrapbook be created and kept for photos and memories of the Tribal Alliance throughout the years. Marcus Walls is to be the keeper of the Tribal Alliance scrapbook. Donna Albert-Burt volunteers to create the scrapbook.

Donna Albert-Burt is presented a gift by Luke Madrigal on behalf of the Tribal Alliance to celebrate her retirement from the Riverside Superior Court and to thank her for her years of service to the Tribal Alliance.

ITEM 4: Subcommittee Workgroups

Subcommittee Workgroup Reports

Domestic Violence subcommittee:

Subcommittee reports that they meet every 6 weeks.

The subcommittee states that they are in need of more partners to get involved with the development/objectives of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee would like to develop small resource brochures outlining subservices providers.

Standing Education subcommittee:

This is a support committee to assist with panels for presentations for the other larger committees.

Placement Foster Care subcommittee

Subcommittee reports that there are lots of changes coming up with AB 12/212. The group will be working on a presentations regarding AB 12/212. The group is looking to have a dialog with tribal partners to determine what the issues will be with tribal youth and AB 12/212.

The group is also working on emergency placement for children being removed in tribal lands, working with tribal social services. Also would like to consider setting up a possible shelter.

ITEM 5: Indian Child & Family Services Update.

Luke Madrigal reports on the latest activities of Indian Child & Family Services.

ITEM 6 and 7: Proposed Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion.

There was discussion by the group regarding future goals and agenda topics for the Tribal Alliance. The following items were discussed:

A presentation by Tribal Court Judges

AB12/212 Presentation to be given by DPSS

Invite the Probate Judges to the Tribal Alliance

A presentation by the Sheriff's Department Tribal Liaison.

University of Redlands to become more a part of Native Youth by assisting with the transition to college (an outreach program).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

The foregoing represents my understanding of the January 20, 2012 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,

Marcus Walls
Court Division Manager