

**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 February 22, 2013, 12:00-4:00 p.m.**

Hosted by the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians  
Spotlight 29 Casino, 46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella, CA 92236  
Medjool Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**MINUTES**

**OPENING REMARKS**

The Invocation and welcome was given by Luke Madrigal.

All members of the group introduced themselves.

The lunch buffet was made available.

During lunch, a welcome and update regarding the history of the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians was given by Anthony Madrigal, Jr.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes .....(Judge Dickerson)**

There being no objections, the minutes of the October 26, 2012 meeting were approved.

**DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ITEM 2: Subcommittee Workgroups**

- Subcommittee workgroup reports:  
Domestic Violence subcommittee ..... (Samantha Thornsberry)

A brief update on the Domestic Violence subcommittee was given by Ms. Thronsberry.

Placement/Foster Care subcommittee .....(Sylvia Deporto/DPSS)

A brief update on the Placement/Foster Care subcommittee was given.

**ITEM 3: Riverside Superior Court Self-Help Center ..... (Susan Ryan)**

Riverside Superior Court Managing Self-Help attorney Susan Ryan gave an overview of the legal self-help services provided by the court to self-represented persons.

Ms. Ryan also provided a summary of the recent countywide Domestic Violence Summit, including a demonstration of the court's new domestic violence electronic fax-filing program.

**ITEM 4: Positive Indian Parenting Program ..... (Dennis June)**

Dennis June, ICWA Manager for Torres Martine Tribal TANF provided a brief overview presentation on the Positive Indian Parenting Program.

**ITEM 5: Presentation on the WeTip Hotline.....(Susan Aguilar) .....(Sue Mandell)**

Susan Aguilar and Sue Mandell provided a presentation and video on the WeTip Hotline. The WeTip Hotline is an anonymous crime hotline that has been supplying intelligence information to law enforcement for over 40 years. The presentation included some discussion about how the WeTip program could be economically and effectively implemented throughout the tribal communities to provide a method for tribal members and visitors to provide information about crimes committed on Indian lands anonymously and without fear.

**ITEM 5: Open Discussion/Information**

Some discussions were held about the timeframes between meetings and when the next meeting should be held.

The group presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Deporto.

**ADJOURNMENT**