

**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 April 3, 2015, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Hosted by Pechanga
Tribal Government Center

MEETING MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS

The Invocation was given by Luke Madrigal.

Judge Jackson introduced herself and thanked Pechanga for hosting today's meeting. Meeting participants introduced themselves and indicated their organization, department, or Tribal affiliation.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes

There were no objections to the March 21, 2014 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 2: Update from Pechanga – Introduction of Óomish Yáamish Peacemaker Court, Judges, and Pechanga Child and Family Services Department

Pechanga has established a Peacemaker Court. Michele Hannah introduced the Judges from the Óomish Yáamish Peacemaker Court as follows: Senior Peacemaker Joaquin Fletcher, Peacemaker John Burbee, Peacemaker George Atwood, Peacemaker Alexis Rehkop, and Peacemaker Kristina Macarro.

Mr. Wayne Dashiell was also introduced as the director of Pechanga's Child and Family Services which focuses on meeting the family needs as well as healing the family.

ITEM 3: Subcommittee Workgroups Updates

Updates were provided by the subcommittee workgroups as follows:

Domestic violence subcommittee

Julie Andrews advised that the committee was awarded the Strong Heal Woman Grant for San Diego County residents.

Placement/Foster Care subcommittee

The committee announced that an inquiry is being made into obtaining two tribal foster homes.

ITEM 4: Indian Child & Family Services Programs

Dr. Renda Dionne Madrigal gave a presentation on decolonizing & revitalizing the American Indian family by protecting and preserving Indian families through parental education on topics such as Indian culture.

ITEM 5: Update on Katie A

Rosemary Jiron provided the background of the case of Katie A which is now known as "Pathway to Wellness." The Katie A case brought about the collaboration of both the Mental Health Department and the Department of Social Services. Rosemary also introduced two speakers Paul Thompson and Lorie Lacey-Payne who discussed the process for adhering to the guidelines set out in the Katie A case.

ITEM 6: Presentation of San Bernardino & Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts

Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation "CASE" gave a presentation on human trafficking. Judge Jackson introduced the guest speaker Anne-Michelle Ellis. Anne-Michelle Ellis discussed signs to look for and preventive tips of human trafficking and the damaging effects on teens.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

The foregoing represents my understanding of the April 3, 2015 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,

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