

AGENDA
Tribal Court State Court (TCSC) Forum
Friday, July 26, 2019
Hosted by: State Court

Forum Meeting
Jury Assembly Room
[Stearns County Courthouse](#)
725 Courthouse Square
St. Cloud, MN 56303
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The purpose of the Tribal Court State Court Forum is to enhance tribal court and state court relationships, provide an opportunity to address issues arising from the courts' concurrent jurisdictions, collaborate on development and delivery of judicial education and training, recommend revisions to Minnesota's procedural rules of court, and work on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

[Link to TCSC Forum website](#)

Tribal Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Henry Buffalo and Hon. Lenor Scheffler
State Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Lucinda Jesson and Hon. Sally Tarnowski

10:00
am

Welcome by Judges Jesson and Tarnowski

- Introductions
 - Forum Members who are in attendance
 - SCAO staff, Rebecca ("Becca") Vanden Hanen

10:25
am

Overview of agenda and identification of any additional agenda items

10:30
am

Review and approve April 2019 meeting summary



Meeting summary
TCSC Forum 4-26-19

10:35
am

Debrief of *Tribal Justice* documentary

- The [Tribal Justice video by Anne Makepeace](#) is available for loan at the MN State Law Library. Members are encouraged to watch the remaining portion of the documentary on their own.

10:45
am

Probation Revocation Report

- Update from Judge Kulick about outreach to Governor's Office in response to Sentencing Guidelines Commission Report. (See attached letter, the caption of which is meant to refer to the April 2018 (not 2016) report)

- Status of subcommittee formation & other next steps.



Email Exchange
with Kelly Mitchell.p



Letter to Lt. Gov. re
Sentencing Guidelir

11:30
am

Updates from Hennepin County

- Judge David Piper to share information about Hennepin County’s ICWA courtrooms, trafficking checklist, and presentations of tribal flags.
- Daryl (aka “Brandon”) Alkire, new tribal liaison for Hennepin County Family Court, to introduce himself and describe the work he’s doing in the community to help foster positive relationships.

12:00
pm

Lunch (provided by Children’s Justice Initiative)

- Lunchtime Presentation by Proof Alliance (Deb Noll, Sara Messelt, and Betty Green Crow to provide an update on the organization and the resources and programs available.)

12:45
pm

Review Forum Priorities Discussed at April Meeting

- Small / Large Group Discussion to Identify and Review Accomplishments and Priorities
 - What has been accomplished or is underway?
 - What other successes are a result of this group?
 - What work remains?
 - What topics should this group prioritize moving forward?
 - Are there new topics that should be considered?



Summary of
Discussion Re Prioriti

1:30
pm

ICWA & Other Outreach

- Future trainings
 - State Court, through CJI, is putting on the following ICWA trainings for all child protection stakeholders in the area:
 - August 1, 2019 – Burnsville;
 - August 30, 2019 – Willmar;
 - November 8, 2019 – Anoka; and
 - November 22, 2019 – Redwood Falls.
 - National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) has some upcoming trainings as well:
 - [2019 NICWA Training Institute](#): Understanding ICWA, Positive Indian Parenting, Qualified Expert Witness, June 18 - 20, 2019, Portland, OR
 - [2019 NICWA Training Institute](#): In-Home Services, Positive Indian Parenting, September 10 – 12, 2019, Minneapolis, MN

- [2019 NICWA Training Institute](#): Understanding ICWA, Positive Indian Parenting, Working With Substance-Abusing Families, November 12 - 14, 2019, Portland, OR
 - [2019 NICWA Training Institute](#): Understanding ICWA, Positive Indian Parenting, April 1-3, 2020, Denver, CO
- National American Indian Court Judges Association (NAICJA) is holding their 2019 Annual Conference at Mystic Lake October 15-18. More information is available here: <http://www.naicja.org/NAICJA-Conference>.
- Other?
- “Crossover kids” – coordination around tribal court and state court cases involving the same children.
- Upcoming opportunity: California tribal court justices coming to MN for event sponsored by Hennepin County Library.
 - Screening of *Tribal Justice* with visit from Director Anne Makepeace and Tribal Justices Abby Abinanti and Claudette White
Hennepin County Central Library (Minneapolis)
Thursday, October 24
6:30-9:00pm
 - Update from Judge Wahwassuck on October 25th event being planned around the Cities in connection with the visit from Judges Abinanti and White

1:50 pm **Future Topics**

- Visit from Jack DeWalt re AFCC and domestic violence issues in Hennepin County Family Court
- Visit from Jill Esch, Native American ombudsperson for the State of Minnesota

1:55 pm **Future Meeting Dates**

- September 13, 2019 – hosted by tribal courts, at Red Lake Nation
- December 5, 2019 – breakfast meeting at Annual Conference of Judges

2:00 pm **Adjourn**