

**Fourth Judicial District  
Family Violence Coordinating Council  
Serving Hennepin County**

**Present:** Jackie Braun-Lewis; Katie Brey; Det. Erica Coy; Deborah Eckberg; Referee Mike Furnstahl; Sheriff David Hutchinson; Ann Kaul; Louise Matson; Penny McTigue; Adam Miller; Lidia Morales; Stephanie Morgan; Melynda Nelson; Judge Kathryn Quaintance; Rachel Ratner; Cecilia Rude; Lilo Schwender; Raschon Simmons; Elsa Swenson; Jennifer Taylor; Kari Torborg; Gio Veliz; Ann VonRveden; Michael Weinstein; Kate Wilson

**1. Welcome**

Committee Co-Chair Judge Quaintance welcomed the group.

**2. Approve June Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted.

**3. Meet and Greet – Hennepin County Sheriff David Hutchinson**

Sheriff David Hutchinson introduced himself and reiterated the priority the Sheriff's Office places on maintaining partnerships with community agencies, particularly those supporting women and individuals experiencing family violence. The Sheriff's Office has training and wellness efforts focused around mental and chemical health education, areas which often have overlap with the domestic violence community.

**4. Domestic Violence in the Native Community – Louise Matson, Division of Indian Works Executive Director**

Louise Matson, Executive Director of the Division of Indian Works, presented on the impact of historical trauma, grief, and loss within the Native American community and its effects within the domestic violence community.

Louise provided an overview of the state of Minnesota's Native American history and diversity. She discussed language as it pertains to respectful ways to address the Native American community. She shared that one in four women experience domestic violence, and that number is higher among Native American women. She highlighted the prevalence of sexual violence and the alarming rate of missing and murdered indigenous women among the Native American community.

Despite these challenges, Louise emphasized ways in which Native Americans have great strength and resilience as a community. She challenged ways in which institutions, and in particular, legal institutions, can continue to embrace the Native American tradition and community. Since 2005, the Family Court Enhancement Project has made strides in improving relationships between this community and legal institutions, and the inclusion of smudging ceremonies and flag ceremonies within Hennepin County are signs on positive change.

**5. Committee Reports**

- a. **Civil:** Jennifer Taylor reported that the committee will move to meeting every other month rather than monthly. Their next meeting is late September. The committee is in process of

scheduling a brown bag training in October aimed at providing advocates with the new guiding file tool.

- b. **Juvenile:** Katie Brey, on behalf of Lisa McNaughton, reported that the committee did not meet in September and their next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of October.
- c. **Criminal:** Katie Brey reported the following update on behalf of Jennifer Saunders:
  - MPD Leadership Update: Commander Bruce Folkens has been reassigned to head the Violent Crime investigative unit, Commander Giovanni (Gio) Veliz is taking over supervision of the Special Crime Unit, which includes the Domestic Assault Unit.
  - The committee has finalized the Quick Reference Guide (attached) and it can be distributed to the council membership for distribution to their agencies.
  - The Summer CLE on July 31<sup>st</sup> went very well. It was a repeat of the firearms CLE from December with Judges Robben and Kappelhoff presenting. We are planning a fall CLE on October 4<sup>th</sup> on the topic of Mass Shooting with Professor James Densley of Metro State as the presenter.
  - Gail Clapp from the Business Unit at the Hennepin County District Court gave us a presentation and Q&A on how information enters into and out of MNCIS. It was a very enlightening discussion. Based on the discussion and questions, it seemed most of the partners present were concerned about receiving alerts and information when something happens on a resolved case. The committee will continue to work on recommendations on how best to achieve this.
- d. **Advocate:** Rachel Ratner reported the following:
  - The Advocates Committee met this month after some people went on a tour of the jail. There are more advocates than there were spaces for the tour, so a second tour will be scheduled.
  - The Committee is working on organizing a training on the topic of Crime Victim Rights and the services of the Crime Victims Justice Unit of the MN Office of Justice Programs. The tentative training date will be in November.
  - The Advocate's Committee will meet again in October, date to be decided on the availability of a deputy from the Sheriff's Civil unit.

## 6. Open Forum/Announcements

A Resource Coordinator position has been created out of the Family Court Enhancement Project. The position is part of the DOCCR and is funded through the courts. Clients will be ordered to receive programming and the Coordinator will be responsible to connect these individuals to appropriate supportive services.

### Future agendas

**November 14** – Minneapolis PD Procedural Justice Unit overview

**November 14** – Strategic planning for 2020

### Upcoming events

**October 11** - Understanding MN Guide & File – 12:15 FJC172

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# Indian People of Minnesota

*The Anishinaabe and the Dakota*



Long before the first Europeans arrived in Minnesota, American Indians from as far away as 1,000 miles came to pipestone quarries to make ceremonial pipes. These quarries are still a sacred site to American Indian peoples in the region.

The Dakota (commonly known as "Sioux") call Minnesota *Mni Sóta Maȋoċe*, meaning "where the water reflects the sky." Dakota peoples lived on this land for thousands of years before the first French fur traders arrived in the late 1600s. They harvested wild rice and other natural foods, hunted buffalo, fished, and grew crops.

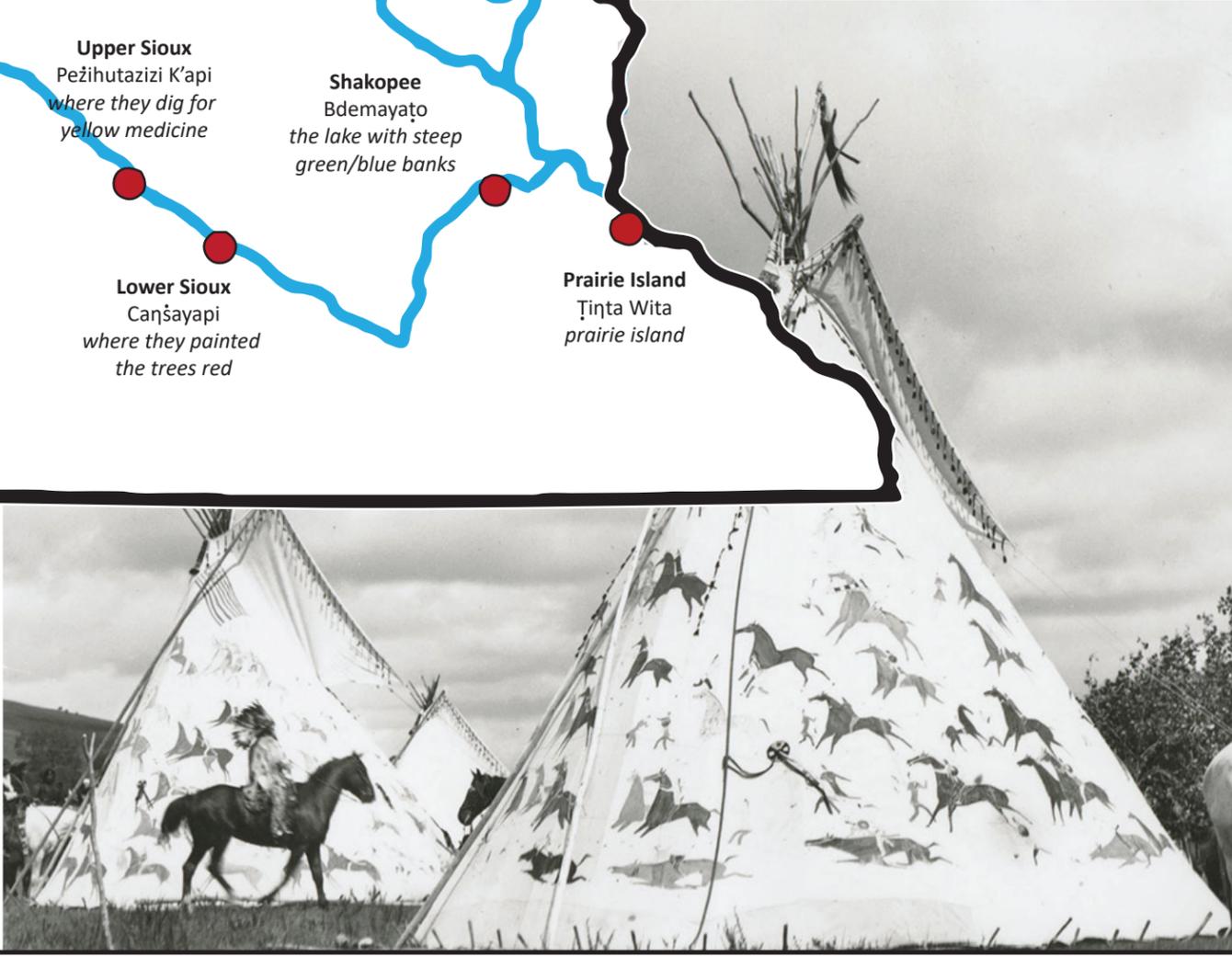
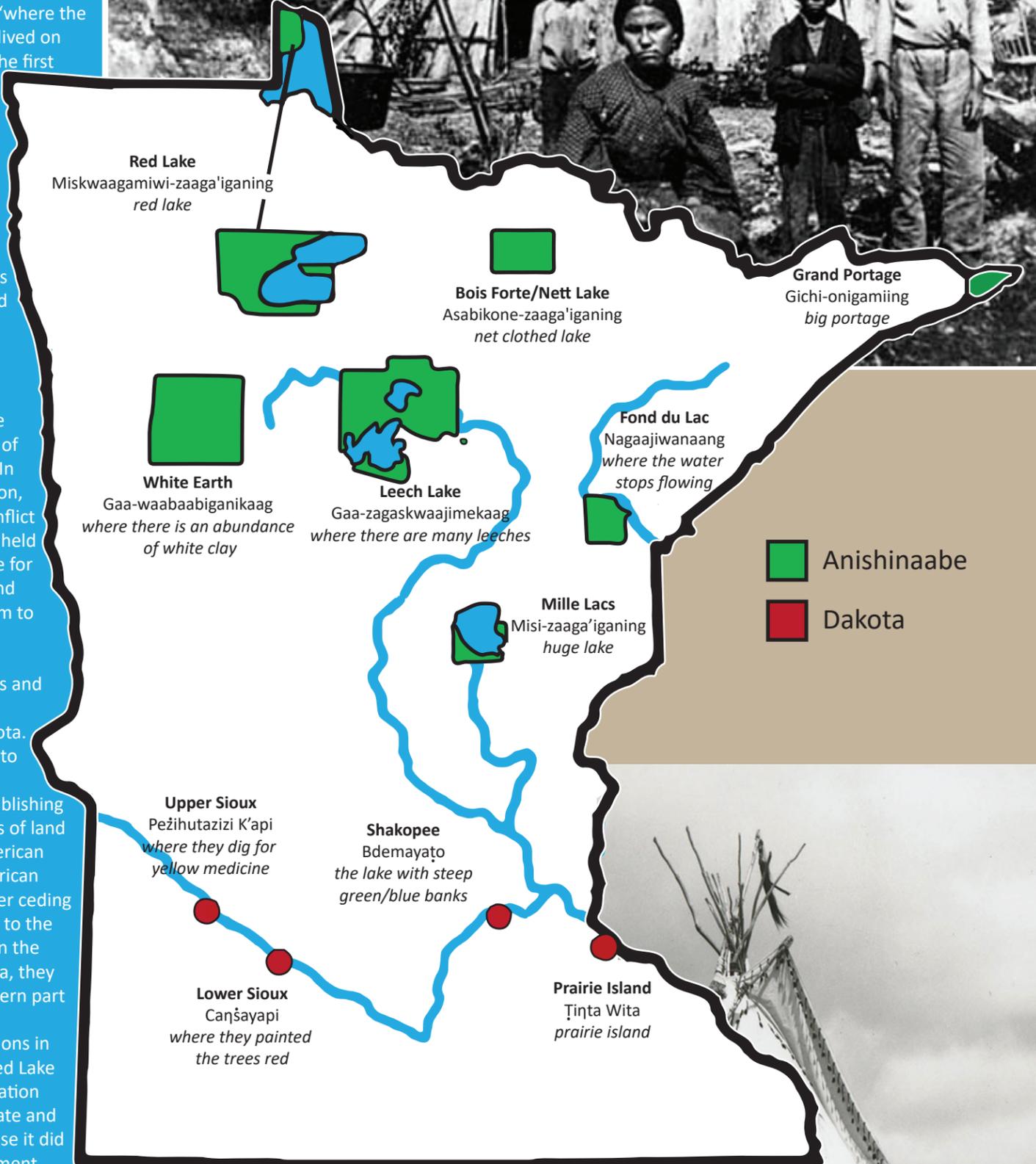
According to traditional knowledge, the Anishinaabe (commonly known as Ojibwe or Chippewa) people migrated from the east into Minnesota. By 1800, the Anishinaabe had taken over the lakes and woods of the north. They fished and harvested wild rice as they do today.

In 1850, over half of the Minnesota Territory was owned by the Dakota and Anishinaabe peoples. In the 1850s and 1860s, the U.S. government forced these tribes to sign treaties to relinquish most of their territory back to the government. In August of 1862, after months of starvation, lies, and treachery, the U.S. – Dakota conflict erupted when the U.S. government withheld annuities promised to the Dakota people for their lands. The Dakota were starving and struggling to survive without the freedom to hunt and gather as they had for time immemorial. After the conflict, the U.S. government abolished all Dakota treaties and forcefully removed them from their homelands, land now known as Minnesota. In fact, it is still illegal for Dakota people to live within the state today.

The U.S. government then began establishing reservations. Reservations are segments of land belonging to one or more groups of American Indians. This land was not given to American Indians; the land is retained by them after ceding large portions of the original homelands to the U.S. government through treaties. When the Dakota eventually returned to Minnesota, they settled on four reservations in the southern part of the state.

The Anishinaabe have seven reservations in central and northern Minnesota. The Red Lake Nation is an independent Anishinaabe nation that has all the powers of a sovereign state and is considered a closed reservation because it did not cede or allot any land to the government.

The Census Bureau's American Community Survey estimated there were 102,060 individuals in Minnesota identifying as "American Indian and Alaska Native persons" in part or in combination with another race in 2010 to 2014. These individuals represented approximately 1.9 percent of the state's population. About 20 percent of the Minnesota Indian population lived on reservations. Just under 25 percent of the population lived in a county adjacent to a reservation. A little more than 29 percent of the Minnesota Indian population lived in Hennepin or Ramsey County. Finally, nearly 26 percent of the Minnesota Indian population lived elsewhere in the state.





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