

# Tribal Court State Court Forum (TCSCF)

## Quarterly Meeting Agenda

6/3/2022

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Hosted by Prairie Island Indian Community - in person at [Treasure Island Resort & Casino](#) (Wolf/Eagle Rooms), 5734 Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch, MN 55089, with option for remote participation via Zoom

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.

**Tribal Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Chris Anderson and Hon. Vanya Hogen**

**State Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Denise Reilly and Hon. Sally Tarnowski**

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- 1. Welcome, Blessing, and Introductions** **10:00 – 10:25**
  - Welcome and Opening Blessing from Prairie Island Indian Community Council President Johnny Johnson
  - Introductions – Forum members and special guests
- 2. Agenda and Meeting Summary** **10:25 – 10:30**
  - Overview of agenda
  - Identification of any additional agenda items
  - Review and approve March 11, 2022, Meeting Summary
- 3. Overview of IV-E Reimbursement & Best Practice Tips for Judicial Officers** **10:30 – 11:00**
  - Presentation: Overview of IV-E reimbursement and best practice tips for tribal court and state court judicial officers
    - Beth Chaplin, Supervisor, Title IV-E, Child Safety and Permanency Division, MN Department of Human Services
    - Paul Minehart, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program and Adolescent Services, Child Safety and Permanency Division, MN Department of Human Services
    - Brian Magruder, Lead Title IV-E Policy Specialist, Child Safety and Permanency Division, MN Department of Human Services



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- Discussion: Title IV-E reimbursement - how it affects tribal courts and state courts, and what judicial officers can do to help facilitate the federal reimbursement process.

4. **Red Lake Nation’s Approach to Child and Family Services: Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog: “Uplifting all of our Relatives”** **11:00 – 12:00**

- Presentation: Red Lake Nation’s focus on intergenerational family wellness as the framework for delivering child and family services
  - Cheri Goodwin, Executive Director, Red Lake Nation Child and Family Services: Ombimindwaa Gidinawemaaganinaadog
  - Mary Ringhand, Chief Judge, and Elizabeth Royal, Associate Judge, Red Lake Nation Tribal Court



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- Discussion: Adapting services to meet the needs of the people in our communities and the impact of this approach on the Red Lake Nation community.

5. **Lunch** (provided by Prairie Island Indian Community) **12:00 – 12:45**

- Lunchtime Presentation: Enforcing tribal court civil commitment orders in state court
  - Renee Gregory, Family Services Attorney, Prairie Island Indian Community’s Family Services Program



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- Discussion: Brainstorming solutions to the challenges of enforcing these orders in state court.

6. **Collaborative Treatment Courts** **12:45 – 1:30**

- Presentation: The variety of ways in which collaborations can form and what data tells us in terms of the effectiveness of treatment courts.
  - Cecilia Bliss, State Treatment Court Coordinator, State Court Administrator’s Office
  - Lori Thompson, Court Administrator, White Earth Tribal Court



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- Presentation: Stories of Success: Collaborative treatment courts from the perspective of someone who has personally experienced them.
  - Curtis Jackson, Graduate of Leech Lake / Cass County Wellness Court



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- Presentation: Local treatment court efforts in the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.

- Douglas Bayley, Judge, Goodhue County Drug Court
  - Discussion: What can TCSCF members and special guests do to further support these collaborations and problem-solving approaches to the challenges we see in our communities?
- 7. Tribal Participation in State Court Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Cases 1:30 – 1:45**
- Presentation: Challenges for tribes with appearing remotely in state court juvenile protection proceedings involving the ICWA.
    - Denise Reilly, Judge, MN Court of Appeals
  - Discussion: What can TCSCF members and special guests do to address these, and other challenges tribes may experience when attempting to participate in state court proceedings?
- 8. Updates and Future Plans 1:45 – 1:55**
- Updates
  - Future meeting format
  - Identification of future topics
  - Discussion: What topics should we include on our next agenda?
- 9. Closing Remarks and Adjourn 1:55 – 2:00**