

State-Tribal Community Supervision Committee
“Strengthening our Collaboration Through Conversation”

Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2015

Attendance:

David Withey	AOC, Legal Services
Kathy Waters	AOC, Adult Probation
Susan Alameda	AOC, Adult Probation
Nina Preston	AOC, Legal Services
Paul O’Connell	ADOC
K. Casey Bilagody	Gila River Indian Community
Claudette C. White	Quechan Tribal Court
Margaret Vaughn	Hualapai Indian Community
Sarah Douthit	Coconino County Adult Probation
Shanda Breed	Navajo County Adult Probation
Judge Wilber	Hualapai Indian Community

The purpose of the committee is to address and solve issues related to dual/shared supervision, explore and share resources through collaboration, information sharing and training.

Kathy Waters reported that there is room in the April 20th probation academy for tribal probation officers. Any interested in attending should contact Chad Kewish, AOC Education Services, ckewish@courts.az.gov or (602) 452-3025. The probation academy will also meet in July and October. Kathy will provide a list of the upcoming academies and send to the committee.

Kathy also provided information on the compact and memorandum of understanding currently in place with Federal Probation, the Department of Corrections and Interstate Compact for the committee to consider as a model for addressing dual supervision issues between jurisdictions.

Sarah Douthit provided information on Project COPE (Coconino County On-line Probation Education) which has been made possible by a \$600K 3-year grant from the Department of Justice. The project provides distance learning cognitive behavior programs and mentoring in hard to reach areas in the Coconino County area including Sunnyside and Tuba City. Lucinda Yellowhair, Chief of Probation, Navajo Nation has been involved in the project. Margaret Vaughn requested a copy of COPE program.

Paul O’Connell reported that DOC officers are allowed to go on tribal lands but would like to explore other communication/supervision options such as telemedicine which is commonly used by the behavioral health system and also utilizing MOUs to gain more and timely access to parolees on tribal lands. To help with this process, DOC is able to provide a list of parolees being released on community supervision to tribal lands sorted by tribe.

[Yavapai Reentry Project 2013 - YouTube](http://yavapaireentryproject.net/)
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The committee suggested inviting representatives from the following agencies to also serve on the committee:

- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Coconino Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
- ◆ Tribal Law in Order Committee
- ◆ Inter-tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)
- ◆ Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (TRBHA)
- ◆ Indian Health Services (HIS)
- ◆ Bureau of Indian Affairs – Law Enforcement Division

Regional Summit Planning

It was suggested that the one-day summits be planned in geographical regions and hosted by one of the tribal nations in that region. The White Mountain Apache, the Hopi and the Navajo tribes were recommended for the first regional summit.

Summit objectives include:

- ◆ Improve communication between jurisdictions - sharing of resources and information
 - Probation academies
 - Reference guide and post on the internet
 - Offender screening tools
 - Sex offender registration and notifications
 - MOUs
- ◆ Issues related to supervision across jurisdictions
 - Community supervision requirements
 - Agreement with federal probation
 - Warrants for high risk offenders who are absconding to reservation lands
 - Notice to tribe and use of tribal court facilities
 - Joint state, tribal, federal training addressing realistic scenarios
- ◆ Offenders living on tribal community.
 - Indians on state probation restricted from living on their reservation
 - GPS dead zones which limits the state's ability to monitor
 - tribal home in border state
 - Explore alternative monitoring options and/or remedies such as
 - residing within a specified mile radius which could also allow the probationer to live in their reservation home
 - remote supervision – redefinition of contacts - Skype
- ◆ State-Tribal program sharing and training
 - Tribal restorative justice
 - Peacemaking
 - Drug court/wellness court,
 - Veterans court and
 - DUI court
 - State deferred prosecution