TULALIP TRIBAL COURT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS; NICS; MIKE TAYLOR, RESERVATION ATTORNEY; SHELLY LACEY, GENERAL MANAGER; SHERYL FRYBERG, FAMILY SERVICES; CHIEF GOSS, TULALIP POLICE DEPARTMENT; JANICE ELLIS AND TAMMY BEATTY, PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE; PAULA CORTEZ, HUMAN RESOURCES; MARTIN NAPEAHI, ADMINISTRATION; MARK HATCH, TGA; MOLLY COHEN, DEFENSE CLINIC**

FROM: TULALIP TRIBAL COURT JUDGES

SUBJECT: FIRST QUARTER REPORT--2010

DATE: **APRIL 28, 2010**

This report covers the First Quarter of 2010, from January through March.

I. Quarterly Statistics.

TULALIP TRIBAL COURT			
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD			
JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2010			
Types of Cases	Filed	Disposed	Total Pending
Criminal Involving Alcohol	2	7	23
Criminal Involving Drugs	9	17	19
Criminal Involving Domestic Violence	9	6	20
Criminal Involving Fishing	0	3	1
Criminal General (not in above categories)	28	47	142
TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES*	***48***	***85***	***205***
TRAFFIC TOTALS:	**296**	**391**	**193**
Civil Anti-Harassment	10	4	24
Child Support**	22	1	97
Civil Child Custody	5	0	180
Civil Divorce	6	3	93
Civil Employment	5	3	26
Civil Gaming	8	1	19
Civil General	20	7	382
Civil Guardianship	11	5	177
Civil Paternity	0	0	13
Civil Restraining Order	6	1	78
Civil Youth in Need of Care	15	13	208
TOTAL CIVIL CASES	***131***	***81***	***1229***
Total for Quarter***	475	527	1842

*** Criminal & Traffic totals Separate for 2010**
**** New Category for 2008**
***** Other Types of Cases included in Total Numbers**

Narrative of Statistics: The first quarter of 2010 has seen an increase in traffic (about 35% from the first quarter of 2009), a decrease in criminal filings, about the same number of civil cases and an increase in the number of hearings held by the Judges. In the first quarter the Judges heard 2428 hearings. If that number holds throughout the year, that will result in 9712 hearings which is about a 15% increase from 2010. In addition, the Court held 4 criminal jury trials in the first quarter. That is more jury trials than in all of 2009.

II. Narrative of Activities:

A. COURT ACTIVITIES NOT REFLECTED IN STATISTICS:

1. Wellness Court: The Court continues to process and accept new clients. A total of 2 clients remain in Wellness Court, with one client in Stage 2 and one in Stage 3. Three new clients have been screened in and are awaiting their final approval for entry.
2. Elders Panel: The Elder's Panel continues to meet at least twice a month on Fridays. Like Wellness Court team members, the Elder's Panel continues to volunteer their time on Friday mornings to assist young criminal defendants in getting their life back on track.

B. MEETINGS AND TRAININGS:

1. National Judicial College: Both Judges and the Court Director are planning for a week long training at the National Judicial College for Court training and planning.
2. Law and Justice Committee: We continue to meet every month with the Law and Justice Committee. We have implemented a new Court calendar and are working on court forms, attorney discipline procedures and Court Rules.
3. Court Staff Meetings: Since the addition of the new court director, the court has been having monthly staff meetings to problem-solve issues, manage workload, review and implement policies and procedures, and plan for document management. The Court will be down to 2 clerks and 1 receptionist next quarter because one staff will be on family leave so the staff is planning for shortfall.
4. Juvenile Diversion Panel: Judge Bass continues to be involved with the implementation of a Tulalip Community Panel for tribal youth on diversion. They met with approximately 6 youth this quarter and meet once a month at the Courthouse.
5. The Court also received visiting scholars from Thailand as arranged and coordinated by Chief Goss and the Tulalip Police Department. The scholars spent the morning at Tulalip observing Tulalip's Court system. The Snohomish County Clerk visited the Court this quarter.
6. The Clerks participated in a meeting and training with NICS Appellate Supervisor to better improve appeal processing. The Judges met with

the Judges who pro tem at Tulalip to improve Judicial consistency in decision-making. A copy of the Court's Judicial procedures is available and will form the foundation of Court Rules and Court Judicial Planning.

C. PROJECTS IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

1. Juvenile Justice: The Court continues to gather information about Tulalip Youth involved in the State Court system. This information will continue to be gathered throughout the year for potential action requests for 2011.
2. Jury Planning: The Court is continuing to monitor and improve its jury system. With the assistance of the Court Director and the General Manager, a process for contacting Department Directors has been initiated and resulted sufficient jurors for 4 jury trials in the first quarter. The Court is also organizing its calendar, staff and jury process for the upcoming two-week long jury trial expected to begin in June. The Court anticipates calling over 100 jurors.
3. Case Management: The Court Director is taking inventory of case flow management and organization to provide for short and long term file maintenance. With the assistance of TDS staff, the Court Director, Judges and Court Staff are defining all paper flow and calendaring issues. With 9,000 to 10,000 hearings expected in 2010, it is critical that all files are properly maintained and managed. The Snohomish County Clerk, during her visit, recounted that 3.75 Clerks are used for each Judge. With the Court anticipating only have 1 clerk per Judge, proper case flow management is more important for the efficient operation of the Court.