

Task Force on the Intersection of Tribal and State Forensic Behavioral Health

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Public Notice and Meeting Agenda

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Friday, September 4, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Remote Location: [Public Webex Link \(opens Webex meeting\)](#)

Welcome and Roll Call

Presentation on Recognition of Tribal Court Orders in Washington State

- Heather Erb, Lead Policy Advisor, American Indian Health Commission
- Kathryn Akeah, Tribal Health Consultant, American Indian Health Commission

Questions for consideration:

- What prompted the need for having the state recognize tribal court orders?
- What governance tools were used with non-tribal entities to recognize tribal court orders?
- What adjustments have you taken or recommended to increase positive outcomes?

Discussion and Q&A on Presentation

Hold for summary of tribal-state models for recognition of tribal court orders: Arizona, North Carolina

Break

Discussion on Indian Law Section-Full Faith and Credit Proposal

Work Session

- **Include recommendation for Indian Law Section-Full Faith and Credit Proposal within Task Force Report Due December 15, 2026**

Hon. Patrick Melendy, Chief Judge, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Sharon Stanphill, Chief Health Officer, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Cindy Cecil, Clinical Director of Behavioral Health, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center Adrea Korthase, Indian Child Welfare Act Analyst, Office of the State Court Administrator <u>Additional Agency Support</u> Angie Butler, Siletz, MEd Senior Tribal Policy & Program Analyst Tribal Behavioral Health Continuum of Care Advisor, Oregon Health Authority <u>Staff</u> Channa Newell, Senior Staff Counsel for Government Relations, Office of the State Court Administrator Kiely Lyons, Analyst, Office of the State Court Administrator	<u>Public Comment</u> <u>Homework and Next Steps</u> <u>Adjourn</u>
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