



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-5

For the meeting of: June 23, 2015

Date: June 9, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace
Subject: Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Appointments

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors approve the updated roster and appointments to the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Passage of SB 1760 created the opportunity for Humboldt County to participate in the application for funding within the newly created Juvenile Offender Accountability Challenge Grant Program. Pursuant to Welfare and Institution Code Section 749.2-749.27, to be eligible for this grant funding, each county was required to establish a Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council that developed and implemented a continuum of county-based responses to juvenile crime.

The Coordinating Council's membership needed to include, at a minimum, the Chief Probation Officer, as Chair, one representative each from the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Sheriff's Department, the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Mental Health, a Community-based Drug and Alcohol Program, a City Police Department, the County Office of Education or School District, and an At-Large community representative.

As the appointing authority for the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve the appointment of Abby Abinanti as the Criminal Justice – Tribal Court representative following the resignation of Merris Obie, the appointment of Stephen Watson, Police Captain as the Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement representative (replacing EPD Chief Andy Mills) and the appointment of Jason Sheets, Criminal Justice – District Attorney representative (replacing DA Maggie Fleming) and the attached updated roster to the Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature [Handwritten Signature]

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent Lovelace

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: June 23, 2015
By: [Handwritten Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Updated Roster and Abby Abinanti's application and resume.

(MULTI-AGENCY) JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

AUTHORITY: Senate Bill 1760, Chapter 133; and Board Order No. D-21 from the Board of Supervisors' meeting of December 17, 1996; and Board Order No. C-23 from the Board of Supervisors' meeting of December 9, 1997.

APPOINTING POWER: Board of Supervisors

MEMBERS: Various Specific Agency and Community Representatives

QUALIFICATIONS: Various

TERM: Indefinite

FUNCTION: SB 1760 requires a committee to help put the Local Action Plan (LAP) together. The LAP will become the vehicle for requesting funds from the Juvenile Offender Accountability Challenge Grant Program.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>REAPPOINTED</u>
<u>Criminal Justice--Law Enforcement</u> Stephen Watson, Police Captain Eureka Police Department 604 "C" Street Eureka, CA 95501 441-4095 swatson@ci.eureka.ca.gov	06/23/15	
<u>Criminal Justice--Sheriff</u> Sheriff Mike Downey 826 Fourth Street Eureka, Ca 95501 445-7211 445-7298 (fax) mdowney@co.humboldt.ca.us	02/08/11	
<u>Criminal Justice--District Attorney</u> Jason Sheets District Attorney's Office 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501 445-7411 445-7416 (fax) jsheets@co.humboldt.ca.us	06/23/15	
<u>Criminal Justice--Public Defender</u> Kevin Robinson Public Defender 333 "K" Street Eureka, CA 95501 445-7634 445-7320 (fax) krobinson@co.humboldt.ca.us	9/24/02	

NAME**APPOINTED****REAPPOINTED****Criminal Justice--Probation****Bill Damiano**

5/11/10

Chief Probation Officer
2002 Harrison Avenue
Eureka, CA 95501
268-3308
443-7139 (fax)
bdamiano@co.humboldt.ca.us

Criminal Justice--Presiding Judge**Judge Christopher Wilson**

03/11/14

Superior Court Judge
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501
269-1200
445-7041 (fax)
cwilson@humboldtcourt.ca.gov

Criminal Justice – Tribal Court**Abby Abinanti**

06/23/15

Tribal Court Judge
P.O. Box 1027
Klamath, CA 95548
482-1350, Ext 1416
482-0105 (Fax)
aabinanti@gmail.com

Courts**Kerri Keenan**

1/08/08

Court Executive Officer
825 5th Street, No. 226
Eureka, CA 95501
269-1202
445-7041 (fax)
kkeenan@humboldcourtt.ca.gov

Social Services**Barbara LaHaie, Director**

02/19/02

Health and Human Services
231 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501
441-5400
441-5412 (fax)
blahaie@co.humboldt.ca.us

Mental/Medical Health**Shelley Nielsen**

1/08/08

Mental Health Branch Director
720 Wood Street
Eureka, CA 95501
268-2990 - 476-4049 (fax)
snielsen@co.humboldt.ca.us

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>REAPPOINTED</u>
<u>Community-Based Social Services</u>		
VACANT		
<u>Youth Service Provider</u>		
Maura Eastman	06/07/11	
Youth Service Bureau 904 G Street Eureka, CA 95501 443-8322 445-1445(fax) meastman@rcaa.org		
<u>Deputy County Administrative Office</u>		
Cheryl Dillingham	02/01/11	
825 5 th Street Eureka, CA 95501 445-7266 445-7299 (fax) cdillingham@co.humboldt.ca.us		
<u>Juvenile Justice Commission</u>		
Bill Daniel	03/11/14	
Commissioner Eureka, CA 95501 Steved57@hotmail.com		
<u>County Schools--All Levels</u>		
Garry Eagles, Superintendent	12/17/96	
County Office of Education 901 Myrtle Avenue Eureka, CA 95501 445-7000 445-7143 (fax) geagles@humboldt.k12.ca.us		
<u>Board of Supervisors</u>		
Mark Lovelace	12/16/14	
Board of Supervisors 825 Fifth Street, Room 111 Eureka, CA 95501-1153 476-2391 445-7299 (fax) mlovelace@co.humboldt.ca.us		

NAME

APPOINTED

REAPPOINTED

Community/Parent Member

Mike Goldsby
Community Member

01/01/11

Eureka, CA 95501

mgoldsby@co.humboldt.ca.us

Community/Parent Member
VACANT

01/08/08

Latino Community Representative

Andres Castro

08/12/14

Fortuna, CA 95540

acastro@fortunaesd.com

Youth Serving Agencies

Sacha Marini

03/11/14

Eureka, Ca. 95501

humtcourt@bacedwoods.org

Contact: William Damiano, Chief Probation Officer; 268-3308

The Chief Probation Officer is required to be the Chair of the Council per Senate Bill 1760, Chapter 133.



CLERK OF THE BOARD DIVISION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OFFICE

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CALIF. 95501-1153

PHONE (707) 476-2384; 445-7299 (FAX)

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

APPLICANT NAME: Abby Abinanti _____

MAILING ADDRESS: Klamath, CA 95548 _____

TELEPHONE: Home: _____ Work: 707-482-1350 Ext. 1416 Fax: 707-482-0105

E-MAIL ADDRESS: aabinanti@gmail.com _____

OCCUPATION: Tribal Court Judge _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Judge Chris Wilson _____ PHONE: _____

(2) Judge William Follett _____ PHONE: _____

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? NO YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE **NAME OF COMMITTEE Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**

I currently serve as the Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court having retired from the San Francisco Superior Court where I was an active judicial officer for 20 years. My main assignments were in the family law division which include dependency and delinquency which were my primary assignments.

We, the Tribe and the County have many interlocking concerns and it is my belief that working together will better serve the children and families we are responsible to serve and protect. I believe that our communities have not consistently worked together and doing so will improve outcomes for youth.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 6-8-2015 _____

SIGNATURE:  _____

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY **NAME OF COMMITTEE**, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111,
Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____



RESUME

Abby Abinanti
Superior Court Commissioner
400 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-551-2804

PERSONAL DATA

Tribal Affiliation: Yurok

Bar Membership: California State 6/18/74, United States Northern District of California, United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

1973 DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE
University of New Mexico, School of Law, Albuquerque,
New Mexico

1970 BACHELOR OF ARTS
School of Creative Arts and Humanities – Journalism,
Humboldt State University, Arcata, California

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2013 - Current COMMISSIONER Half Time
Probable cause/OR releases/Dependency

2008 – Current CHIEF JUDGE
Yurok Tribal Court

8/1994 – Current COMMISSIONER
San Francisco Superior Court, assigned to the Unified
family Court

12/1992 – 7/1994 LEGAL DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR
Lesbians of Color Project for National Center for Lesbian
Rights, a San Francisco based lesbian-feminist, multi-
cultural legal resource center.

6/1976 – 12/1992 Private practice of law. In last three years first was limited
to Juvenile dependency, both trial and appellate level,
general civil and Indian law.

Prior firm experience includes extensive Indian, employment, family, criminal, juvenile, real state, housing, personal injury and labor law practice.

- 12/1974-5/1976 DIRECTING ATTORNEY
California Indian Legal Service Field Office, Eureka,
California
- 6/1974 – 12/1974 LAW CLERK to Judge Eileen Peterson
Municipal Court Government of the Virgin Islands St.
Thomas, Virgin Islands
- 5/1973 – 5/1974 STAFF MEMBER
California Indian Legal Services, Oakland, California
- 9/1971 – 5/1973 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Indian Law Center, University of New Mexico
- 6/1969 – 6/1970 ADVISOR, STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Humboldt State College
- 6/1968 – 6/1970 EDITOR
Arcata Union Weekly Newspaper, Arcata, California

TEACHING/SPEAKING EXPERIENCE

- 1990 – Present PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Indian Child Welfare Act Seminars:
7/15/1992 Public Defenders Office, Santa Clara County,
California
6/26/1992 Hung-A-Lel-Ti, Washoe Tribe, Marklevill,
Nevada
3/25/1992 Urban Indian Child Resource Center, Oakland,
California
1/27/1992 Lassen Indian Health Center, Susanville,
California
- 1990 – 1991 DIRECTOR
National Indian Justice Systems Program, New College
School of Law San Francisco, California
- 1998 – 1990 SENIOR TRAINER
National Indian Justice Center, Training Seminars,
Training Court Judges and Advocates
- 1988 (Spring) INSTRUCTOR
Indian Law, Boalt Hall, University of California, School of

Law Berkeley, California

1986 – 1987 INSTRUCTOR
Indian Law and Tribal Court

1983-1984 PROCEDURES SEMINARS
National Indian Justice Center

1984 KEYNOTE SPEAKER
National Conference, Save the Children, Phoenix
Arizona

1983 – 1984 INSTRUCTOR
New College School of Law, San Francisco
Constitutional Law

1983 PRESENTER/PANELIST
Working Together for Indian Children and Families
training session sponsored by National American Indian
Court Judges Association, February 3, 1983

1981 – 1984 INSTRUCTOR
New College School of Law, San Francisco. Basic Civil
Trial Skills and Civil Procedure

1983 Training of Indian Child Welfare Social Worker at Tule
River Indian Tribe

1981 Training sessions on Indian Child Welfare Act for social
services personnel from Oakland Urban Indian Child
Resource Center and San Francisco Indian Center

1981 Training workshop on Civil Law for National
American Indian Court Judges Association Tribal
Governments Training Session, Inter Tribal Council of
California

2005 Keynote speaker Alaska CASA/GAL Conference
September, 16-17, 2005

2006 Indian Child Welfare Act Administrative Office of the
Courts Workshops, Fresno Los Angeles and San
Francisco

2005 Keynote speaker Utah Division of Child and Family
Services 5th Annual Indian Child Welfare Conference

- "The Power of the Circle: Family, Tradition, Spirituality, Culture" September 26, 2005
- 2005 Keynote speaker 31st Annual Humboldt State University American Indian College Motivation Day November 3, 2005
- 2006 Panelist Latina/o Law Students Association Golden Gate Law School "Detained Undocumented Youth" March 15, 2006
- 2006 Instructor "Tribal Court Lay Advocate Training of Trainers" for National Association of Indian Legal Services and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute March 6-9, 2006 Hollywood, Florida
- 2006 Speaker, Family Law and Juvenile Law Institutes - Administrative Office of the Courts, "Strategies for Implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act in Dependency and Delinquency Cases" April 28, 2006 Los Angeles, California
- 2006 Opening Session Keynote, 13th Annual ICWA State Conference, "Weaving Strength in Our Families and Children Past Present and Future of ICWA" June 26, 2006, Eureka, California
- 2006 Northern California Regional Symposium on the Indian Child Welfare Act, Administrative Office of the Courts August 7, 2006, Redding, California
- 2008 Opening Session Keynote 15th Annual ICWA State Conference "Realizing the Purpose and Intent of the ICWA of 1978" June 9, 2008, Visalia, California
- 2008 Alaska Child Maltreatment Conference -Charting New Trails, "Permanency for Native Children" November 6, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2009 California Indian Legal Services 2009 Tribal Courts Conference – Sovereignty in Action: Tribal Justice in California "Indian Child Welfare Act/Dependency in Tribal Court" May 21, 2009 Rincon, California AOC's Native American Communities Justice Project, "State Court Access" May 22, 2009 San Diego,

California

- 2009 Women Are Sacred "Honoring Sacred Turtle Women"
Keynote, California Tribal History, June 12, 2009
Oakland, California
- 2009 16th Annual ICWA State Conference "Weaving the
Dream – 30 Years Strong" Keynote, ICWA: A Judge's
Perspective. June 23, 2009 Santa Rosa, California

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS/PROJECTS

Appellate Judges, Colorado River Indian
Tribe, current.

In re Kahlen W. (1991) 233 Cal. App. 3d
1414 ICWA case representing mother.

Chief Magistrate, Court of Indian Offenses for the Hoopa
Valley Indian Reservations 6/83 - 1/86.

Judge, special appointment, Hopi Tribal
Court, 1/86.

Judge, special appointment,
Shoeshone-Bonnock Tribal Court, 1985.

General Counsel, Tule River Indian
Tribe, Porterville, California 1982 -
1990.

General Counsel, Tule River Indian housing Authority,
Porterville, CA 1982-
1990.

Evaluator, Tribal Courts for American
Indian Justice Center, 1984 - 1985.

Evaluator, Tribal Courts for American
Indian Lawyer Training Program, 1983 -
1984.

Lead Counsel, Congressional Bill to
Regain Tule River Tribal Lands, 1980.

Supervising Attorney, Optional Tribal Court Structures
and Criminal Codes for Quechan Indian Tribe.

Supervising Attorney, ICWA strategies for Implementation Intervention Manuel, Tribal Ordinances and Rules of Procedure, Optional Tribal Court Structures for California Tribal Chairman's Association.

Supervising Attorney, ICWA Films and Slide Shows for California Tribal Chairman's Association and Tule River Indian Tribe.

Certification of Appreciation presented by National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association's Board of Director, March 30, 2003

"A Letter to Justice O'Connor", Indigenous Peoples' Journal of Law, Culture & Resistance, UCLA School of Law, April 2004

Elected to the Board of the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) April 2006

Appointed Chief Judge Yurok Tribe March 1, 2007