



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C10

For the meeting of: April <sup>17</sup>~~10~~, 2018

Date: March 7, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, <sup>CB</sup> Director Department of Health and Human Services  
William F. Honsal, Sheriff <sup>WH</sup>

Subject: Government-to-Government Letter inviting Tribal Leaders to participate in a Community Task Force.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chair to sign the letter of invitation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: As part of their commitment to enhance reporting and investigating child abuse and neglect, the Sheriff and DHHS Director Beck are convening a community Task Force. The Task Force will first meet on a monthly basis, and then transition to quarterly meetings to discuss and make recommendations concerning issues related to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), child abuse and neglect, and child welfare within Humboldt County.

Duties of the Community Task Force will include creation of a web-based Mandated Reporter Guide, discussion of barriers encountered with respect to CANRA, and identification and coordination of community resources.

The Sheriff and Director Beck are working to ensure that the Community Task Force has meaningful tribal

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CAO Approval

REVIEW:

Auditor <sup>KPD</sup>

County Counsel <sup>JD</sup>

Human Resources <sup>KLB</sup>

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 Fennell

Ayes Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn  
Nays  
Abstain  
Absent Wilson

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

Dated: 4/17/18

By:

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

input and are now asking the Board of Supervisors to send a government-to-government invitation to Tribal Leaders requesting their participation in this important project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter extending government-to-government invitation to Tribal Leaders.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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Dear Tribal Leader,

I am honored to invite your participation in the Community Task Force to be convened as part of the County's commitment to enhance the reporting and investigation of cases of child abuse and neglect. The first meeting will be held at the Adorni Center in Eureka on May 24, 2018.

Tribal leaders at the meeting will be joined by the Sheriff and Connie Beck, Director of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as well as educators, physicians, mental health providers and substance use disorder treatment specialists, and other community leaders and professionals who desire to offer their expertise to this project.

The duties of the Task Force will include:

1. Creation of a web-based Mandated Reporter Guide that will cover:
  - ✓ The legal obligations of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) and DHHS, with a clear explanation of what types of reports fall within the respective jurisdiction of each agency;
  - ✓ Policies and processes implemented by the HCSO and DHHS to ensure compliance with the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) the Welfare & Institutions Code, and any other statutes relating to the investigation of reports of child abuse and neglect; and
  - ✓ The legal obligations of mandated reporters.
2. Input on changes or revisions to policies and procedures relating to CANRA
3. Discussions of barriers encountered by the community and agencies with respect to CANRA and your recommendations to address such barriers.
4. Identification of available community-based resources within Humboldt County and processes to coordinate referrals to such resources as appropriate.

The Task Force will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss issues relating to the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), child abuse and neglect, and child welfare within Humboldt County.

We look forward to seeing you at the Adorni Center on May 24. If you have questions about the Task Force, please contact Connie Beck, Director of DHHS at (707) 268-3447 or Sheriff Honsal at (707) 268-3611.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sundberg  
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors