

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE JUVENILE HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT,
INYO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND BISHOP UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AGREEMENT between the BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE, JUVENILE HEALING TO WELLNESS COURT (hereafter referred to as "TJHWC"), INYO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION and BISHOP UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (hereafter "The Parties")

The parties to this agreement endorse the mission of the Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court:

Bishop Paiute TJHWC is a transformative judicial process that may be categorized within the growing number of "problem-solving" courts. TJHWC applies focused judicial responsiveness in conjunction with treatment, mentorship, cultural connectivity, and community engagement to support youth sobriety, wellness, and future autonomy. The Bishop Paiute TJHWC team will provide a holistic approach to each individual case and develop a plan for support while also holding each participant accountable through the judicial system and promoting their long-term wellness.

The TJHWC is a *diversion program* that allows Tribal participants to obtain a full range of services to assist them in leading a drug/alcohol free life. The program offers services that are specifically coordinated, managed and holistically comprehensive; Components that and services that may be selected as part of a case plan include, but are not limited to supports and programmatic services that address needs in the areas of physical healing, substance abuse, disorder/addiction treatment, educational support, employment training/assistance, community support/connection, family relationships/communication, individual/family counseling, meaningful and engaged judicial interaction, spiritual healing, cultural/traditional guidance, pro-social activities and other applicable components as identified throughout the program by the TJHWC team. Participants of the Bishop Paiute TJHWC pass through four phases of different lengths to complete TJHWC over a six to twelve-month period. The TJHWC length is determined by each participant's progress.

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The parties to this agreement strive to maximize resources, foster collaboration between our sovereigns, ensure that participants have access to culturally appropriate treatment, support reduced rates of youth delinquency, empower and support tribal youth and families, promote self-sufficiency through positive behavioral change, and promote community and family connections that ultimately increase youth opportunities to find meaningful roles within the Bishop Paiute Tribe, Inyo County Office of Education and Bishop Unified School District.

Specifically, the parties agree:

1. Bishop Paiute Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court:

- a) Bishop Paiute TJHWC shall obtain from participating students and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) an authorization for the exchange of confidential student information form and submit the signed form to Inyo County Office of Education and/or the district.
- b) Bishop Paiute TJHWC will provide timely notifications to Inyo County Office of Education, Bishop Unified School District Liaisons regarding all of the following: Collaboration Meetings, Planning Committee Meetings, and other related meetings.
- c) Bishop Paiute TJHWC will provide consistent and effective communication through, email, phone, written notifications and responses to Inyo County Office of Education and Bishop Unified School District.
- d) Bishop Paiute TJHWC will be responsible for ensuring all required documentation is submitted for eligible participant.
- e) Bishop Paiute will conduct random weekly alcohol and drug tests on participating students. Tests may be announced or unannounced. Unannounced visits may take place at the residence, school site and work

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- environment. Per unannounced, Inyo County Juvenile Probation Department, School Resource Officer and Local Law Enforcement may be contacted and invited to join.
- f) Bishop Paiute TJHWC will maintain case files and data collection for statistical reporting, monitoring, and education opportunities of participants involved in the Bishop Paiute Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court.
- g) Bishop Paiute THJWC shall cooperate with Inyo County Office of Education and Bishop Unified School District to satisfy all reasonable and legal requests by Bishop Paiute THJWC pertaining to participating students in the interest of meeting their educational needs.

2. Inyo County Office of Education/ Bishop Unified School District:

- a) Inyo County Office of Education/Bishop Unified School District shall within days of receipt of the Authorization for the Exchange of Confidential Student Information provide Bishop Paiute THJWC with the information released by the participating student and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- b) Inyo County Office of Education and the Bishop Unified School District shall cooperate with Bishop Paiute THJWC to satisfy all reasonable and legal requests by Bishop Paiute THJWC pertaining to participating students in the interest of meeting their educational needs.

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Barry Simpson, Superintendent,
Inyo County Office of Education

1/29/21

Date



Katie Kolker, Superintendent,
Bishop Unified School District

2/1/21

Date

Gary E. LaRance, Judge, Bishop Paiute Tribe,
Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Date

Annette N. Apalatea, Tribal Court Administrator/
Clerk of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Court,
Tribal Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

Date

Tilford Denver, Chairman
Bishop Paiute Tribe

Date