



**Legal and Practice
Advisory Committee Report –
June 2010**

Judge Chris Wickham, Thurston County Superior Court
Hon. Liz Mueller, IPAC Chair, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

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April – June Meetings

- Met three times.
- Broke into separate Legal and Practice subgroups for one meeting to talk independently about specific issues.
- Compiled list of legal issues/questions.
- WSIPP gave presentation on legal issues related to the evaluation.
- Steve Hassett gave AGO presentation on tort liability and recent state indemnity payouts.

April – June Meetings (con't)

- Finalized *Values and Principles* document.
- Finalized *Preliminary Service Array/List of Core Services*.
- Finalized *Preliminary Service Array Definitions*.
- Agreed to recommend California definition for Evidence-Based and Promising Practices.
- Examined the intake process and where handoff would occur.

April – June Meetings (con't)

- Compiled a smaller list of legal issues for the TDC co-chairs to take to the Children's Legislative Oversight Committee to discuss how best to send to Solicitor General for an opinion.

Recommendations

- *Values and Principles, Preliminary Service Array/List of Core Services, and preliminary Service Array Definitions.*
- Definition for Evidence-Based and Promising Practices.
- High-level view for handoff between CPS and Master Contractor at intake.
 - Details still to be decided.

Next Steps

- Finalize recommendation for handoff between CPS and Master Contractor.
- Continue to work on legal representation issues.
- Begin to define roles and responsibilities for exit criteria.
- Consider best way to comply with ICWA and related legal requirements