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***Planning a Healing to Wellness Court
& the 10 Key Components***

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Overview & Initial Considerations

- Who are We? Why are We here? Why am I here?
 - What do you want to do/create/make/plan? (The People)
 - What is your Role? Contribution/Responsibility? (The Person) x 2 =
position/personal
- The Past – The Present – The Possibility (*VISION*)
Polities & Persons
- Imagining & Mapping a Healing to Wellness Journey
Policy/Procedures
- Healing, Tribal Courts, & Healing to Wellness Courts
- Planning & Design Considerations, Complements & the 10 Key Components
The Foundation – **Frame** - Fuel

Tribal Courts

Tribal

Right to

Institution

Building of

Alternative/appropriate/ & artful

Legal processes & procedures

Creative

Opportunity to

Utilize/Use &

Respect

Tribal

Sovereignty

Sustained
Team, Community &
Nation Building

Team, Community &
Nation Building

Enduring Knowledge
& Experience

Entry

PLANNING A WELLNESS COURT & THE 10 KEY COMPONENTS

Keeping &
Telling Stories

Eligibility

(TRIBAL LANGUAGE/WORDS)

Respectful
Communication

Healing &
Treatment

Discipline &
Encouragement

Support &
Supervision

JUDGE(S) & TEAM MEMBER ROLES

ADVISORY BOARD - - - COMMUNITY

Team, Community &
Nation Builder
(Communicator)

Team, Community &
Nation Builder
(Co-Convener)

Life-long Teacher
& Learner

Protector of Rights

Story Teller & Evaluator

Sentry & Gate Keeper

Team Member

Champion for
Health & Wellness

Enforcer & Encourager
(co-case manager)

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Team, Community & Nation Building
(Convener)

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

**Identifying/Gathering/Providing Healing Resources
for _____ ?**

Community Contact (citizens/leadership)

Team Selection-Team Building-Team Communication

Intra-Sovereign Communication

Inter-Sovereign Communication

Key Component # 1

Individual & Community Healing Focus

Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts brings together alcohol and drug treatment, community healing resources, and the tribal justice process by using a team approach to achieve the physical and spiritual healing of the individual participant and to promote Native nation building and the well-being of the community.

Entry
(Protector of Rights)

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Doodle/Draw/Diagram (flow charts/logic models)

Design/Draft/Document (writings: policy/procedure)

Case/Client Referral (crim/civ/cit) ref. K3

Inter-Sovereign transfer
Intra-Court transfer

Key Component # 2

Referral Points & Legal Process

Participants enter the Tribal Wellness Court through various referral points and legal processes that promote tribal sovereignty and the participant's due (fair) process rights.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Eligibility
(Sentry & Gate Keeper)

Who do you want to help? (target population)

What kind of case do you want to hear?

Who's responsible for prompt placement (counting days)

Deliberation & Decision(s) (Judge/Team)

Key Component # 3

Screening & Eligibility

Eligible court-involved substance-abusing parents, guardians, juveniles, and adults are identified early through legal and clinical screening for eligibility and are promptly placed into the Tribal Wellness Court.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Who are the TX Providers (provider)?

***Phased (journey like)* Treatment Process**

Assessments & Treatment/Wellness Plans

TRADITIONAL HEALING ALTERNATIVES

CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

AFTERCARE

Healing & Treatment
(Champion for
Health & Wellness)

Key Component # 4

Treatment & Rehabilitation

Tribal Wellness Court provide access to holistic, structured, and phased alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services that incorporate culture and tradition.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Case Management (K5 & K6 – who?)

Encouragement + Discipline = Effective Case Management

Monitoring Mechanisms (Drug Tests, Home Visits, Check-ins, TX visits)

Staffing

Forms (who/what)

Support & Supervision
(Encourager & Enforcer/
Co-Case Manager)

Key Component # 5

Intensive Supervision (Case Management and Alcohol/Drug Testing)

While participants and their families benefit from effective team-based case management, participants are monitored through intensive supervision that includes frequent and random testing for alcohol and drugs.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Behavior Modification

Individualized Incentives

Specialized Sanctions

Consistent-Fair (clear expectations)

Ultimate Sanction (termination): When?

Discipline & Encouragement
(Enforcer & Encourager/
Co-Case Manager)

Key Component # 6
Sanctions & Incentives

Progressive rewards (or incentives) and consequences (or sanctions) are used to encourage participant compliance with Tribal Wellness Court requirements.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Constructive Contact/Communication (as Captain or Coach)

Formal/Familiar Communication (Rev Hrg.)

Airing/Hearing Team Conflict

Team Ethics (Community Confidence)

Respectful Communication
(Team Member)

Key Component # 7
Judicial Interaction

Ongoing involvement of a Tribal Wellness Court judge with Tribal Wellness Court team and staffing and ongoing Tribal Wellness Court judge interaction with each participant are essential.

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Evaluate-Assess-Review . . . (gather data , count days, etc. - pre post intf)

Court Process (programs/personnel)

Participant Progress (participants)

Requisite Reporting Requirements (funders)

Respond to Data

“what stories to tell”

Keeping & Telling Stories
(Story-Teller & Evaluator)

Key Component # 8
Monitoring & Evaluation

Process Evaluation, performance measurement, and evaluation tools are used to monitor and evaluate the achievement of program goals, identify needed improvements to the Tribal Wellness Court and to the tribal court process, determine participant progress, and provide information for governing bodies, community groups, and funding sources.

Enduring Knowledge &
Experience
(Life-Long Teacher & Learner)

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Teacher = Learner

Interdisciplinary Knowledge

Community Education

Healing the Healers

Key Component # 9
*Continuing Interdisciplinary
& Continuing Education*

Team, Community & Nation Building
(Communicator)

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Share Success Stories

Document Commitments (MOUs etc.)

Develop Codes/Court Rules

Continuous Intra-Sovereign Communication

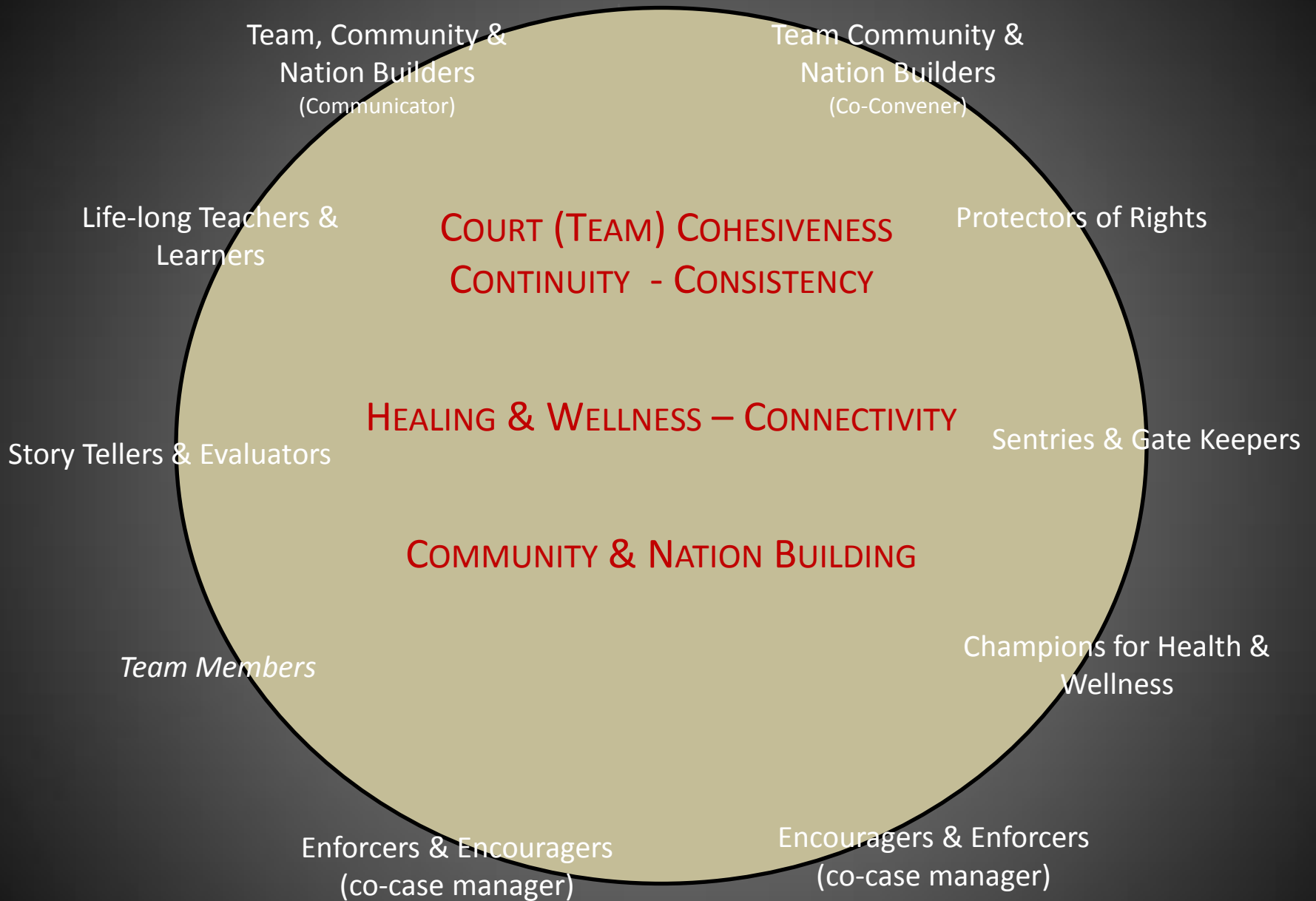
Continuous Inter-Sovereign Communication

+ Collaboration = Concord (*peace!*)

Key Component # 10

Team Interaction (policies and procedures, interagency, third-party, and intergovernmental agreements)

The development and maintenance of ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Tribal Wellness Court team members, service providers and payers, the community and relevant organizations, including the use of formal written procedures and agreements, are critical for Tribal Wellness Court success.



Tribal Right to Institution Building

Alternative-A-A Legal Processes & Procedures

Creative Opportunity

Utilize/Use (exercise) Tribal Sovereignty

Respect Tribal Sovereignty

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