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) \( \times 2 = \) 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
PLANNING A WELLNESS COURT & THE 10 KEY COMPONENTS

(tribal language/words)
JUDGE(S) & TEAM MEMBER ROLES

Team, Community & Nation Builder
(Communicator)

Team, Community & Nation Builder
(Co-Convener)

Protector of Rights

Sentry & Gate Keeper

Champion for Health & Wellness

Life-long Teacher & Learner

Story Teller & Evaluator

Team Member

Enforcer & Encourager (co-case manager)

Encourager & Enforcer (co-case manager)

ADVISORY BOARD - - - COMMUNITY
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.
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.
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.
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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**

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

Key Component # 4

*Treatment & Rehabilitation*

Healing & Treatment

(Champion for Health & Wellness)
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.

Key Component # 5
Intensive Supervision (Case Management and Alcohol/Drug Testing)

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

Planning & Design Considerations & Complements

Behavior Modification

Individualized Incentives

Specialized Sanctions

Consistent-Fair (clear expectations)

Ultimate Sanction (termination): When?

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.
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

Continuing interdisciplinary and community education promote effective Tribal Wellness Court planning, implementation, and operation.
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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