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| **healing to wellness court**10*The Judge as Community& Nation Builder & Citizen***Key component Bench Card** |
| **The development and maintenance of ongoing commitments, communication, coordination, and cooperation among Tribal Healing to 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.** |
| Key Concepts, Considerations, & Questions

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| **Sustained Community & Nation Building** | Does the Court demonstrate a durable commitment and dedication? |
| Does the Court maintain steady and constructive communication? |
| **Collaboration** | Does the Court practice cooperation? |
| Does the Court cultivate and encourage collaboration between government, community organizations, and citizens? |
| **Sustainability** | Does the Court memorialize understandings/agreements with healing and human resources, and with service providers? |
| Does the Court  1) generate innovation and  2) exemplify unique governmental structure(s) relationship(s), and/or understanding(s)?  |

 |  “Excerpt from Statute, P & P, Court Rules, etc.”“Alumni Quote” |
| ***Jurist – Judicial roles & responsiblities***  |
| Functions and Formalities | Community Connection – Continue to make contact with the community/Nation/Tribe/VillageTribal Council Connection – Continue to keep in contact with the Tribal CouncilCourt Capability – Continue to build capacity in not only the Wellness Court, but the entire judiciary | □ |
| Legal Process& Procedures | Memorialize key legal procedure(s) in codes, court rules, and policies and proceduresPublicize the recognizable distinctiveness of Wellness Court from the regular criminal procedure(s)Review transfer protocol yearly to assure mechanism is adequate or requires modification | □ |
| Ethics & Protocol | Review the judicial code of conduct with other judgesMaintain a clear conflict of interest(s) disclosure/process; assess for adequate applicationScrutinize transfer of cases between dockets to assure they are distinguishable from each other.  | □ |
| Legal Context & Considerations*(Assure no conflict with existing law)* | Constitution CodeCouncil ResolutionCommon LawCourt RuleCustom | □□□□□ |
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| SUGGESTEDPracticesTrainingCoachingSupport |

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| Plan for annual community presentations | □ |
| Review/revise MOU/As periodically | □ |
| Identify need, and draft new MOU/As | □ |
| Propose writings that institutionalize Court | □ |
| Update Advisory/Steering Committee regularly | □ |
| Utilize tribal media to highlight Wellness Court | □ |

 | **Related NADCP Core Competency**# 6 – The judge “becomes a program advocate by utilizing his or her community leadership role to create interest in and develop support for the program.” |  |
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| Resources/Technology  | [www.WellnessCourts.org](http://www.WellnessCourts.org), [www.home.tlpi.org](http://www.home.tlpi.org), [www.ndci.org](http://www.ndci.org), [www.american.edu/spa/jpo/initiatives/drug-court/](http://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/initiatives/drug-court/) , [www.ndcdr.org](http://www.ndcdr.org), [www.drugcourtonline.org](http://www.drugcourtonline.org)  |  |
| “*Conflict itself is not the problem. Conflict is woven into the fundamental fabric of nature. The sea and the land meet in violent conflict and make waves together. The plow turns the meadow and wheat springs forth. Conflict is liable to be present wherever we go. It shows up at family reunions departmental meeting, sales calls, budget sessions, cr0wded parking lots, PTA meetings, checkout lines, counseling sessions, church meetings, football games, funerals, and motel rooms. Conflict is evidence that human beings are engaging in something interesting*.” Brian Muldoon, The Heart of Conflict |