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| **healing to wellness court**7*The Judge as Team MemberCapitan or Coach***Key component Bench Card** |
| **Ongoing involvement of a Tribal Healing to Wellness Court judge with the Tribal Wellness Court team and staffing, and ongoing Tribal Wellness Court judge interaction with each participant are essential.** |
| Key Concepts, Considerations, & Questions

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| **Contact & Interaction** | Does the Court maintain a consistent schedule for facilitating, presiding over, and preparing hearings, staffings, planning/issue meetings, evaluations, presentations, reports, etc.? |
| **Judicial Leadership** | Is the length of contact/communication sufficient to engage/lead/instruct? |
| **Respectful Communication** | Are the relevant reports and information reviewed prior to contact? |
| Are there sufficient written rules or regular practices to address conflict? |
| Is each individual’s voice heard at all times? |
| **Ethics & Canons** | Is the Court restricted by any judicial condition or professional responsibilities?  |
| Is the tone of communication formal or familiar? |

 |  “Excerpt from Statute, P & P, Court Rules, etc.”“Alumni Quote” |
| ***Jurist – Judicial roles & responsiblities***  |
| Functions and Formalities | Community Connection – Promote community knowledge of the Healing to Wellness CourtTribal Council Connection – Provide updates to the Council and orientation to new membersCourt Capability – Periodically review the quality of court supervision with respect to the case load | □ |
| Legal Process& Procedures | Inform and update team members of written Court procedures for meetings, hearings, etc.Initiate communication protocols with supervisors of team’s non-judicial staff Declare and consistently practice the role of captain or coach of the Wellness Court team | □ |
| Ethics & Protocol | Be mindful of the judicial code of conduct and distinction between criminal and Wellness CourtBe aware of any specific set of professional standards that apply to team membersDocument Court responses to ethical inquiries | □ |
| Legal Context & Considerations*(Assure no conflict with existing law)* | Constitution CodeCouncil ResolutionCommon LawCourt RuleCustom | □□□□□ |
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| SUGGESTEDPracticesTrainingCoachingSupport |

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| Have consistent hearing and staffing schedule | □ |
| Schedule team meetings for issue discussions | □ |
| Place/frame issues in P&P context | □ |
| Review team member/org/ commitments regularly | □ |
| Maintain contingency plan for unavailability | □ |
| Review team member contingency plan regularly | □ |
| Review Court procedures periodically with team | □ |

 | **Related NADCP Core Competency**# 1 – Judge “participants fully as drug court team member, committing him or herself to the program, mission and goals, and works as a full partner to ensure their success.” |  |
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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)  |  |
| “*Judging is like being a referee. It’s not about popularity; it’s about being effective, fair, and evenhanded. It’s about respect for yourself, for those who appear before you and for your special position of public trust*.” Judge Burton S. Katz  |