## PLAN ADOPTED BY THE HMONG CENTER OF ALASKA

## AND

## THE ALASKA COURT SYSTEM FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE REFERRALS UNDER CRIMINAL RULE II(i)

This PLAN adopted by the Hmong Center of Alaska and the Alaska Court System sets out the procedures for the referral of matters relating to criminal cases involving Tribal members and descendants of members.

PARTIES: This PLAN is made and entered into by the Hmong Center of Alaska and the Alaska Court System on behalf of the Anchorage Trial Courts ("Anchorage Court" or "Court").

PURPOSE: The purpose of this PLAN is to involve the Hmong Center of Alaska and traditional restorative justice approaches in Alaska Court System cases involving their members, recognizing that outcomes in these cases improve when the delivery of justice involves collaborative and community-based programs.

The Court's efforts to impose meaningful and relevant consequences for the defendant, the community, and the victim will be aided by restorative justice program sentencing recommendations that reflect the community's assessment of the impacts of the criminal behavior and that integrate local wisdom and cultural norms.

## BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

- The Hmong Center of Alaska will monitor the daily Court calendar for its members or 1. member descendants. The Hmong Center of Alaska will submit a request for a copy of the relevant documents from the case file, which the Court will provide to the Hmong Center of Alaska within 10 days of receipt of the request. The Court will not charge the Hmong Center of Alaska for these documents.
- 2, Within 10 days after receiving the documents, the Hmong Center of Alaska will notify the Court whether it wishes to conduct a proceeding to that defendant.
- 3. If the Hmong Center of Alaska notifies the Court that it wishes to conduct the proceeding as to that defendant, the Court will notify the parties of this request. If the defendant subsequently is convicted of the crime, the Court will, within 10 days of the conviction, notify the Hmong Center of Alaska of the date that the defendant will be sentenced and whether the prosecution, defense and victim (if any) have consented to a referral. Provided that the necessary consents have been obtained, the Court will also formally refer the case to the Hmong Center of Alaska at that time to conduct a proceeding. The notice and referral, if any, will identify the charge of which the defendant was convicted, any mandatory sentencing requirements (such as the presumptive or minimum term that the defendant must serve in jail), and any agreement the defendant and the state made regarding the conviction. When a case has been referred to the Hmong Center of Alaska under these procedures, the Court will set sentencing for a date at least 45 days after the date of conviction.

- 4. After a case is referred to the Hmong Center of Alaska, the Hmong Center of Alaska will take the necessary steps to convene and conduct the proceeding. The Hmong Center of Alaska will promptly notify the Court if it needs the ourt to change the sentencing date.
- 5. The Hmong Center of Alaska will complete the proceeding no later than 10 days prior to the Court sentencing date. The Hmong Center of Alaska will inform the Court, district attorney, the defendant, and the defendant's lawyer, if any, of the proceeding date at least 10 days prior to that date.
- 6. Through this community-based process, the proceeding will identify proposed terms of the defendant's sentence, which may require culturally relevant activities, a drug and alcohol assessment and treatment, restitution (such as money or services for the victim), or other steps.
- 7. At the end of the proceeding, the Hmong Center of Alaska will prepare a written report, which will state each component of the recommended sentence and timeframe for completion of each component. This report shall be provided to the Court, the defendant, the defendant's attorney and the district attorney at least 10 days before the date of the sentencing.
- 8 The Court will carefully and respectfully consider the recommendation of the proceeding. The parties understand, however, that the Court is not bound by that recommendation.
- 9. The parties agree to meet from time to time to review the implementation of this PLAN and to make any revisions they find to be appropriate.
- 10. Nothing in this PLAN prevents the Hmong Center of Alaska from conducting a proceeding after notification of defendant's conviction and providing a sentencing recommendation to the Court, even if a formal referral has not been made.

SIGNED THIS

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