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Indian Child Welfare Compliance Project

Court Monitor Report
October 1 – December 31, 2007

I monitored 28 out of 33 hearings this quarter. In the hearings that I monitored, I found compliance at the bench level. In monitoring these hearings, I used the guidelines set forth in the Ramsey County Implementation Policy of 2001 regarding the Indian Child Welfare and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act.

There were a total of 33 children. Of these children, 18% were in preservation and 82% were in reunification. In Out-of-Home Placement, 27% were placed with relatives and 73% were placed with non-relatives.

There were a total of 24 cases – thirty CHIPS (91%) and three Educational Neglect (9%).

There were a total of 24 hearings: 8 Intermediate Dispositional Hearings (33%), 7 Pre-Trial (30%), 3 Permanent Placement Hearings (12%), 1 Admit/Deny Hearings (4%), 5 Review Hearings (21%).

There were two dismissals, two transfer of jurisdiction, and one ICWA ineligible.

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Number of Children
33

Number of Children in Preservation i.e., with parent(s)	Number of Children in Reunification i.e., Out-of-Home
6	27

Placements of Children in Out of Home	
With Relatives	Foster Care
9	18

Tribal Affiliation by Cases	
<i>Tribe</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>
<i>Ojibwe</i>	
White Earth (Minnesota)	3
Red Lake (Minnesota)	1
Lac du Flambeau (Wisconsin)	2
Leech Lake	1
Bois Fort (Minnesota)	1
Total Ojibwe Cases = 11	
<i>Sioux</i>	
Oglala Sioux	2
Yankton Sioux (South Dakota)	1
Total Sioux Cases = 3	
<i>Other Tribes</i>	
Woody Island (Alaska)	1
Mescalero Apache (New Mexico)	1
Total Other Tribes = 2	
Total Tribes = 16	

Types of Cases	
CHIPS	30
Educational Neglect	3
Total Cases = 33	

Cases Dismissed	Cases ICWA Ineligible	Cases Transferred
1		

Number of Hearings	
IntDispHrg	8
Pre-Trial	7
PermPlcHrg	3
RvwHrg	5
Adm/DnyHrg	1
<i>Total Number of Hearings = 24</i>	

Dates of Hearings (Parenthesis indicate hearings held within a day)	Judge Presiding
10/16 (2); 10/18 (2); 11/06 (2)	Tilsen
10/07 (1); 10/09 (3); 10/25 (1); 11/13 (1)	Dickinson
10/30 (3); 12/11 (4); 11/13 (4)	Finley
11/15 (1)	Stephenson