

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2022

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
4/15/22	8:30 am – 10:30 am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
<b>Present</b> Robert Almada Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Priscilla Terry Gina Thompson	<b>Absent</b> Wendy Tanner	Carrie Hennen	Lt. Stephanie Klein Captain Jim Downing Chief Todd Thoma Jason Bean Mortinson Lara Toney

Agenda Item	Notes
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	The TST Advisory Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Staff provided an overview of the meeting agenda.
<b>TST Program Presentations: Jail-Based Programs</b>	<p>Managers of TST-funded programs operating in the County jail and the Nisqually jail presented slides related to their program (<i>see accompanying slides</i>).</p> <p>Questions &amp; discussion related to Sheriff's Office programs included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemical Dependency Program               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Court backlog created by COVID was discussed, it is hoped that new staffing at the Prosecuting Attorney's Office will help reduce backlog this spring, which would support entry into this and a number of other TST-funded programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inmate Mental Health Services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Issues related to work release—Chief Thoma outlined some of the challenges related to reopening work release given ongoing COVID challenges in congregate facilities, and indicated that Corrections leadership is working with Public Health to plan a phased reopening.</li> <li>○ Housing upon release- there was discussion of the need for immediate housing on release from jail (1-7 nights); this could be a possible future budget ask. Staff indicated that</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>the TST-funded Housing Case Management program funded through Northwest Resources could be helpful with this issue and indicated that she would follow up with all partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding for medications for individuals involved in competency restoration- it was noted that approximately 10 inmates have been supported through these funds and it has been successful in promoting medication compliance.</li> <li>• Preparing for Re-Entry Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Challenges obtaining IDs when individuals do not have underlying documents were discussed; this appears to be a significant system/ bureaucratic challenge.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Corrections TST Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No specific questions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Questions &amp; discussion related to Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Org. programs included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jail Behavioral Health Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wait times for competency restoration- it was discussed that COVID set back progress on this issue to where it was before the Trueblood lawsuit.</li> <li>○ Services to veterans- Lara indicated that her team has had success coordinating services with the Veterans Administration where applicable, and indicated that veterans also work with Ashely from Public Health and Social Services in some cases.</li> <li>○ Staffing levels for Mental Health Professionals- Lara indicated that current staffing levels feel adequate, especially given that treatment staff funded through the Trueblood grant are also able to backfill and supplement the work of the TST-funded MHPs. If Trueblood winds down and results in fewer treatment staff, there may be a need for additional capacity. In addition, if there is a desire to do more therapeutic groups, solution focused interventions, etc (beyond crisis work), there could be a need to add capacity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nisqually Jail Re-Entry Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The group discussed opportunities to further build the relationship with Nisqually Jail leadership with the goal of strengthening availability of behavioral health services for defendants at this facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Updates &amp; General</b>	Minutes from the March 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

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<b>Business</b>	<p>Staff provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>TST Community Grants</i>- Eleven proposals were received in response to the reissued RFP. They are under review by a scoring team and staff will present a recommendation to the BOCC in late April.</li> <li>- <i>TST Advisory Committee membership</i>- There are now two vacancies on the TST Advisory Committee. Four applications were received in response a recruitment effort, and a subset of committee members has met and agreed on a recommendation to the BOCC to appoint 2 of these applicants. A decision is expected by late April, and ideally the new members will be able to join the May TST meeting.</li> <li>- <i>NAMI/ Justice Not Jails Forums</i>- A forum focused on reentry after incarceration will be held on April 26 at 7pm.</li> <li>- <i>Debrief recent meetings</i>- Staff asked committee members for feedback on the format of the series of meetings started in March, with presentations from TST-funded programs. Committee members indicated that the discussions were enlightening and helpful and would assist in future budget discussions. There were no requests for changes to the format.</li> </ul> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.</p>

### Next Meeting:

May 20, 2022

8:30 am – 11:30 am

VIA ZOOM