

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2022

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
5/20/22	8:30 am – 10:30 am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
Present Robert Almada Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Tonia McClanahan Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Gina Thompson	Absent Sarah DeStasio	Carrie Hennen	Marianne Clear Nicole Carbone Zachery Wilson Jackie Velasco Frankie Peters Raul Salazar Patrick O'Connor Maria Gallo Mark Moffett Laniece Milam Ashely Redlevske

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome & Introductions	<p>TST Advisory Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Staff provided an overview of the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Staff noted that the Board of County Commissioners had reappointed 4 members to the committee (Chanita Jackson, Bob Jones, Wendy Tanner, Gina Thompson) and appointed 2 new members (Sarah DeStasio, Tonia McClanahan).</p>
TST Program Presentations: Adult Criminal Legal System Programs	<p>Managers of TST-funded programs serving adults involved in the criminal legal system discussed their programs (<i>see accompanying slides</i>).</p> <p>Staff presented information related to the Pretrial Services Diversion program. Questions & discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges continue with getting this program up to capacity due to the COVID case backlog in the prosecutor's office (PAO); staffing challenges within PAO have meant the backlog has not been reduced as quickly as hoped. - Committee members asked whether Pretrial Services has adequate resources for this program; Marianne Clear replied that they do at this time. It was noted that if referrals increase significantly, this may need to be revisited. - Committee members asked about criteria for referral and relationship

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	<p>with treatment courts. Staff noted that referrals must screen for behavioral health needs and be approved by both PAO and Defense. The program works closely with treatment courts and in some cases, if Diversion isn't an intensive enough level of support, a participant may be referred to a treatment court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource limitations were discussed, especially challenges and wait times related to arranging for mental health evaluations. - Program staff indicated that they are able to work successfully with the Veterans Administration when relevant. <p>Staff presented information related to the Intensive Supervision Probation program. Questions & discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification that this program provides an "intercept" from the criminal system at a different point than other programs—while there are resources for intervention as a case is just coming into the system (such as diversion), a well-designed system should also have opportunities for behavioral health support at other points in the process (in this case, post disposition following a guilty plea) to prevent reentry/ reoffense. - There was discussion of the changing culture of probation; probation is becoming more therapeutic and supportive with a focus on connecting to needed resources, rather than focusing on monitoring and violating offenders. - This program was commended for being able to continue with full caseloads throughout COVID. <p>Staff presented information related to the Public Defense Social Services Specialist program. Questions & discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee asked whether a 2nd position of this type would be useful; Patrick O'Connor indicated that this may be a future funding request of TST. - There was discussion of the need to better coordinate services to ensure staff are not duplicating efforts. Maria Gallo noted that efforts to better communicate (e.g. weekly emails re: shared clients) have had some but not complete success. <p>Staff presented information related to the Veterans Case Manager program. Questions & discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of Veterans Assistance Fund eligibility, use, and limits
Committee Members- Getting to Know One Another	With the addition of new committee members, the group spend a few minutes learning more about each other.

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Updates & General Business	Minutes from the April 15, 2022 meeting were approved.
	Staff provided the following updates:
	<u>TST Community Grants</u> : The group discussed grants approved by the BOCC to the following community organizations:
	<p>HeartStrides - Equine Assisted Youth Peer Support (\$106,240 from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023): Funding will expand a program that provides Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies (EATT), recovery support, peer, and horsemanship lessons for youth experiencing mental health and/or substance use challenges.</p>
	<p>Providence Southwest WA Mobile Health Clinic (\$406,727 from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023): Funding will support a Mobile Health Clinic van that will go to a variety of rotating locations in Thurston County to provide outreach to unhoused individuals and engage them in coordinated care for mental health disorders, substance use disorders, co-occurring MH/SUD disorders, and co-occurring physical health problems.</p>
	<p>Peer Olympia (\$120,742 from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023): Funding will support peer coaching for adults in recovery for behavioral health issues with a focus on serving individuals experiencing homelessness and veterans; funds will also enhance training for peers. Virtual and in-person services will be available at Peer Olympia, located at 522 Franklin St. SE in downtown Olympia.</p>
	<p>Family Support Center of South Sound- Housing Support for Families in Treatment Courts (\$298,394 from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023): Funding will provide intensive case management and housing search support paired with rental assistance to families with children enrolled in one of Thurston County's treatment courts.</p>
	<p>Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council- Preparation for Reentry Program (PREP) Expansion (\$205,000 from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023): Expands the current PREP services (employment preparation and support services for incarcerated adults at the Thurston County Jail) to serve more legally involved individuals with behavioral health needs and to provide peer mentorship and navigation services.</p>

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	<p>Family Education and Support Services- Parents for Parents Peer Case Management & Support (\$120,000 from June 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023): Funding will support brief peer case management and weekly support groups to parents in recovery and/or parents with behavioral health needs to aid them in achieving mental and family well-being.</p> <p><u>Not funded:</u> CCS Mitigation Site, CCS Arrest and Jail Alternatives, Monarch, Northwest Resources, Community Youth Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group expressed disappointment that the BOCC had chosen to fund a proposal that hadn't been scored as well by the review team as some other proposals. <p><u>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff shared a list compiling the "concrete DEI action steps" being planned by each TST-funded program. <p><u>Other discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff noted that the TST 2021 Annual Report is now available and will be posted to the TST website. - Staff noted that as of June, TST Advisory Committee meetings will be held in person. Remote participation will also be allowed. <p>Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.</p>

Next Meeting:

June 17, 2022

8:30 am – 11:30 am

VIA ZOOM