

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2023

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
07/21/23	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	PHSS Conference Room 107B & ZOOM	Chelyn Sowers

Attendance			
Committee Members		PHSS Staff	Others
Present Ali Abid Robert Almada Rachel Dreon Bob Jones Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Tonia McClanahan Sarah DeStasio		Chelyn Sowers Jennifer Freiheit	Megan Horne Christine Schaller Sabrina Craig Georgia Christian Kristin Jensen Carrie Hennen Nathanael Block Christy Peters Patrick O'Connor Michael Ziegler Jose Vargas Verda Hess Frankie Peters Raul Salazar Alexandria Davidson Ted Bryan Jim Madsen
Absent Gina Thompson			

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Welcome & Introductions	TST Advisory Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The May minutes were approved.
TST Advisory Committee Agreements	The committee reviewed the TST Advisory Committee Agreements.
Thurston County Resolution 15995	The committee reviewed Section 7 and Section 8 of Thurston County Resolution 15995, a 2021 resolution declaring racism a crisis in Thurston County.
Budget Presentations	Superior Court staff (Megan Horne, Sabrina Craig, Judge Christine Schaller) presented budget requests from the Domestic Violence Case Coordinator (DVCC), Drug & DUI Court, and Family Recovery Court (FRC) programs (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TST funds cannot be used for Domestic Violence (DV) treatment except in the context of a formally recognized therapeutic court program. The

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	<p>DVCC program is not a formally recognized therapeutic court program, so TST funds are not being used for DV treatment in DVCC. A separate fund source, the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (allocated by the Washington State Healthcare Authority), may be used for DV treatment if the individual has a criminal case and a substance use disorder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clients are enrolled in DUI & Drug Court for approximately 14-18 months. - Anyone who has an active dependency case can be referred to the FRC program. - FRC and DUI & Drug Court participants are being served by a single treatment provider. This has allowed participants to be immediately assessed and admitted to substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. The SUD treatment provider has also made mental health services available. <p>Pretrial Services staff (Carrie Hennen, Nathanael Block) presented budget requests from the Pretrial Services Diversion and Resource Hub programs (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Diversion program started around 2019 and serves both District and Superior Court cases (i.e., felony and misdemeanor). Pretrial Services is not a therapeutic court, but it is a diversionary option. - Diversion works closely with the prosecution and defense. Their Lead Diversion Officer, Andre Clark, hosts regular informational sessions about the program to strengthen partnerships and increase referrals. - There are more service providers that are coming to the Hub consistently to serve clients. These providers have designated hours and are using the Hub as a satellite office to regularly meet with clients for appointments. - The County has set aside fifty million dollars for a renovation of the courthouse campus, including a larger space for the Resource Hub. <p>Prosecuting Attorney's Office staff (Christy Peters) presented budget requests from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office Treatment Court Support program (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The DUI & Drug and Mental Health & Veterans Courts must have separation so that their multidisciplinary team of staff can foster close relationships and in-depth communication with each participant to address every need they have. <p>Public Defense staff (Patrick O'Connor, Michael Ziegler) presented budget requests from the Public Defense Social Services (PDSS) and Public Defense Treatment Court Support programs (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PDSS provides comprehensive case management. One challenge in

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	<p>getting clients stabilized and engaged in services has been a lack of mental health providers that can provide mental health assessments to in-custody clients. Another challenge is the chronic need for housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 28 lawyers in the Public Defense office, and any of those lawyers, including juvenile lawyers, can make referrals to PDSS. - Public Defense intends to gradually build the PDSS program so that there is structure for one additional Social Services Specialist. <p>District Court staff (Frankie Peters, Raul Salazar, Alexandria Davidson) presented budget requests from the Mental Health Probation and Mental Health and Veterans Court programs (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health Probation Services wants to demonstrate that one additional probation counselor is a valuable resource from a calculated approach. - Care Coordinators have a smaller caseload (22-25) but they are reaching out to them frequently, oftentimes every day, providing a higher level of care to support Mental Health & Veterans Court participants. <p>Juvenile Court staff (Ted Bryan, Jim Madsen) presented budget requests from the Equine Assisted Youth Peer Support (EAYPS) and Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Alternative (JJBHA) programs (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EAYPS is requesting additional funds to cover the increased costs in facility rental, horse lease, and personnel costs. - Juvenile Courts starts assessing and screening youth at the end of detention, when they come into court for the first time, and 3-6 months into their probation to see if they need extra support or should be in JJBHA.
Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee	There was no public comment.
Wrap Up & Adjourn	<p>The committee provided feedback for the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee members will have the opportunity to ask questions during the remaining presentation time for each program. - Presenter names should be added to the slides. <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.</p>

Next Meeting:

July 28, 2023

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Public Health & Social Services Building (Lilly Road) in Conference Room 107B and/or by ZOOM