

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2023

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
07/28/23	8:30 am – 11:30 am	PHSS Conference Room 107B & ZOOM	Chelyn Sowers

Attendance			
Committee Members		PHSS Staff	Others
<b>Present</b> Ali Abid Robert Almada Bob Jones Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Rachel Dreon Tonia McClanahan Sarah DeStasio	<b>Absent</b> None	Chelyn Sowers Jennifer Freiheit	Joe Avalos Jason Bean-Mortinson Gary Enns Katie Strozyk Gretchen Thaller Lori Montoya Whitney Myers La’Niece Milam Mark Moffett

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<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	TST Advisory Committee members and guests introduced themselves.  The July 21, 2023 minutes were approved.
<b>TST Advisory Committee Agreements</b>	The committee reviewed the TST Advisory Committee Agreements.
<b>Meeting Schedule</b>	The committee reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.
<b>Budget Presentations</b>	Joe Avalos, Jason Bean-Mortinson, and Gary Enns presented budget requests from the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services (TM-BHASO) programs (see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bill passed in the last legislative session allows the Healthcare Authority to begin working on a plan to bill Medicaid in jails.</li> <li>Without TST funding, the services available to non-Medicaid families include hospitalization or out-of-home placement (i.e., Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice). House Bill 1688 requires non-self-funded commercial insurance to initially pay for crisis services starting in January 2024, and it is possible that these services could be billed to commercial insurance by the next biennium.</li> <li>Participants can be referred to the Jail Behavioral Health Program (JBHP) at the Thurston County Correctional Facility during intake and health</li> </ul>

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	<p>screening.</p> <p>Todd Thoma, Stephanie Klein, and Leon Ross presented budget requests from the Chemical Dependency, Corrections TST Coordinator, Inmate Mental Health, and Preparing for Re-Entry programs (Thurston County Corrections Bureau, see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Work Release Program is currently suspended. The Thurston County Correctional Facility is working on increasing staffing levels before discussing reimplementation of the program.</li> <li>• The Psych ARNP Program (Inmate Mental Health) has two Psych ARNP Prescribers that provide in-person and virtual services. TST funds are also used to ensure that those in the competency evaluation process continue to maintain medication compliance.</li> <li>• The Preparing for Re-Entry Program (PREP) helps clients find employment in Fast Food, Warehouse, Production, and other sectors depending on their work history and skillset. PREP purchases identification cards, birth certificates and other items as required by the employer (i.e., cellphones, tools, boots, uniform). They also connect eligible clients to an advisor at the South Puget Sound Community College if they are interested in getting their GED or furthering their education.</li> </ul> <p>Katie Strozyk presented budget requests from the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Naloxone programs (Thurston County Public Health &amp; Social Services, see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main difference between LEAD and the TM-BHASO's Thurston County Sheriff's Community Outreach Engagement &amp; Utilization (SCOUT) Team is that LEAD provides longer-term intensive case management.</li> <li>• The main referral point to LEAD is Law Enforcement; however, referrals can also be made by community members, housing providers, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Public Defense, SCOUT and more. Individuals can also self-refer.</li> <li>• Naloxone does work on Fentanyl-related overdoses. Naloxone kits approaching expiration at law enforcement agencies are distributed to local encampments and staff working in the field to prevent wasting any kits.</li> <li>• Medicaid can provide Naloxone free-of-cost. A prescription is not required to obtain Naloxone from pharmacies in Washington state.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Gretchen Thaller, Lori Montoya, and Whitney Myers presented budget requests from the Nurse Family Partnership program (Thurston County Public Health &amp; Social Services, see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are over 110 referrals on the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) waitlist in Thurston County. In 2023 to date, there has already been a 57% increase in clients served compared to previous years.</li> <li>• The Keeping Families Together Act (House Bill 1227), implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup>, has resulted in an increased demand for home visiting services by Child Protective Services (CPS).</li> <li>• In the past 3 months, NFP has been noticing more challenges serving the Spanish speaking population as their bilingual nurse's caseload was full.</li> </ul> <p>La'Niece Milam and Mark Moffett presented the budget request from the Veterans Case Manager program (Thurston County Public Health &amp; Social Services, see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterans Case Manager (VCM) has a new program specialist that is now fully trained and will start working with clients at the Thurston County Correctional Facility.</li> <li>• There is a possibility of the program being able to serve more veterans as the booking restrictions are lifted at the Thurston County Correctional Facility starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Chelyn Sowers presented the budget requests from TST Community Grants and TST Administration (Thurston County Public Health &amp; Social Services, see accompanying slides). Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee expressed interest in seeing the performance metrics of the Community Grant programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee</b>	<p>There was no public comment.</p>
<b>Wrap Up &amp; Adjourn</b>	<p>The committee discussed feedback about the TST budget presentation process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The committee expressed interest in reviewing program performance metrics as part of the presentation, including how each program defines clients served.</li> </ul> <p>The committee also discussed the TST budget development process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There will be no committee meeting in August.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- TST staff will provide the committee with performance metrics and information about leveraging funds for each program.</li></ul> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.</p>

**Next Meeting:**

September 8, 2023

8:30 am-11:30 am

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