

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2024

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
1/19/24	8:30 am – 11:30 am	PHSS Conference Room 107B & ZOOM	Joel Brehmer

Attendance			
Committee Members		PHSS Staff	Others
<b>Present</b> Ali Abid Bob Jones Priscilla Terry Rachel Dreon Tonia McClanahan Sarah DeStasio Jennifer Creighton Garrett Cady Diana Cockrell	<b>Absent</b> None	Chelyn Sowers Joel Brehmer Jennifer Freiheit	Dennis Neal

Agenda Item	Notes
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed/Approved December 20, 2023 meeting minutes</li> <li>Introduced New TST Advisory Committee Members: Jennifer Creighton, Garrett Cady, and Diana Cockrell – Welcome to the TST Advisory Committee!</li> </ul>
<b>TST Budget Review</b>	TST staff presented an overview of TST-funded program budgets. Questions and discussion included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparison of funding allocations between 2022-2024</li> <li>The Committee requested a report detailing annual expenditures and leveraging funds for each program.</li> <li>Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) did not expend TST in previous years due to being sustained by a grant from the Washington State Healthcare Authority. The new LEAD contract will not sustain the program for the entire 2024-2025 biennium, and thus their new budget includes \$100K in TST funding each year</li> <li>TST funds Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) to provide Naloxone kits to community members and law enforcement and provides funding to programs such as Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), Family Intervention Nurse (FIN), LEAD, and Veterans Case Manager.</li> <li>The Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services</li> </ul>

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	Organization (TM-BHASO) receives TST-funding to support a variety of programs serving adults, youth, and families with behavioral health needs and/or are involved in the criminal justice system.
<b>Community Grants Review</b>	<p>TST staff discussed the 2023 Community Grant review process. Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee proposed creating a policies and procedures document to provide standardized guidance on how the Committee shall review and score Community Grant applications.</li> <li>The Committee provided suggestions for future applications, including a stronger emphasis on ensuring low barrier access to services, and asking applicants to describe their efforts to explore existing resources or initiatives, other organizations they have been in relationship with, and how their program will offer something new.</li> <li>TST Staff will present on key outcomes and spending data from recent Community Grant programs at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation by Northwest Resources CEO, Dennis Neal</b>	<p>Dennis Neal, CEO of Northwest Resources, discussed the importance of judicious spending of TST funds. Questions and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion about the increasing demand for facilities that provide behavioral health and/or rehabilitative services in the community.</li> <li>Review of RCW 82.14.460 and exploration of potential solutions to address the growing need for treatment options, including the possibility of using TST funds to support the development or expansion of treatment facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Nomination and Election of Committee Co-Chairs</b>	TST Staff discussed the roles of Committee Co-Chairs. Bob Jones and Rachel Dreon were nominated to be Co-Chairs. A formal vote for the co-chairs will be held at the next meeting.
<b>Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee</b>	There was no public comment.
<b>Wrap Up &amp; Adjourn</b>	<p>The following topics will be addressed during the February meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Grant Program Outcomes</li> <li>Development of Community Grants Policies and Procedures</li> <li>Review the funding process for regular TST programs</li> <li>Election of Committee Co-chairs</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.</p>

### Next Meeting:

February 16, 2024



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8:30 am-11:30 am

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