

Treatment Sales Tax (TST) Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: Friday, February 15, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
2/15/19	9:00-11:00am	Public Health & Social Services, Olympia, WA	Pam Gant

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
Skip Steffen Michelle Marti Marilyn Roberts Glenn Dunnam Jim Stanton	Absent Joe Marmo Steve Tilley	Carrie Hennen Pam Gant	N/A

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Welcome & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved January 17 meeting minutes ▪ Community grants RFP will be live on 2/25/19 and the Bidders Conference is to be held at Public Health & Social Services on 2/27/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applications for grants will be due 4/5/19 ○ Carrie will ask for 2 Advisory Committee members to review grant proposals ○ Will award 2-year grants 		
TST Advisory Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BoCC meeting was cancelled for 2/5 due to snow/inclement weather, so no official update on who the BoCC has decided to appoint—BOCC will discuss on 2/19 ▪ Onboarding Process Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommend site visits for new committee members ○ Dedicate entire AC meeting to funded program discussion and provide a comprehensive list of currently funded programs ○ Data dashboard orientation ○ Explain the TST law and ordinance ○ Explain how TST fits into the bigger picture—Thurston Thrives, Medicaid funded system, etc ○ Explain the county budget process and TST AC budget development process ○ Provide a timeline of the committee's work 		
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2018 Finance Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed 2018 revenue information and <i>preliminary</i> total 2018 expenditures by program—these numbers to be updated and finalized soon ▪ Reviewed differences between budget and spending by program 		

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TST Data Dashboard 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review TST Data Dashboard available on the web: https://stories.opengov.com/thurstoncounty/published/75vturlCh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AC to review for abnormalities in program data ○ Constant review process for errors ○ Budgeted and Spent pie charts for 2016 and 2017 ▪ Plan to have comprehensive discussions surrounding program performance data in the future 		
Site Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treatment Sales Tax staff offered a proposal regarding possible program site visits ▪ Feedback from the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion that goals and/or purpose of the site visits be clarified ○ Concern about time involved in implementing a site visit process and whether the process would impede direct service delivery ○ Some committee members questions whether site visits would <i>add</i> value ○ Some AC members are interested in program operation and would like to see service delivery “in action” (where applicable and allowed) ○ Some AC members are interested in a financial review with the program to better inform the next budget development process ○ Some AC members interested in talking with program participants about their experiences 		
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Program Development Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treatment Sales Tax staff noted that there has a request from District Court, Public Defense, and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office to use TST funds to visit a model Domestic Violence Court in Arizona to explore the possibility of implementing such a court here ▪ DV Court would be eligible for TST funding, but is not currently funded ▪ This raises questions regarding whether TST can or should fund exploratory or ‘research & development’ type costs ▪ Feedback from the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee members interested in BOCC’s vision and how/ whether this program would fit ○ Committee members support County’s interest in learning about and exploring promising programs and practices in other places ○ If this request is approved, need to develop parameters/ process on what type of exploratory/ program development costs could/ should be funded 		
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Next Meeting:

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Public Health & Social Services (412 Lilly Rd NE)