

Meeting Minutes: Friday, July 19, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
7/19/19	8:30-11:00am	PHSS, 107	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
Marilyn Roberts Gina Thompson Jim Stanton Skip Steffen Glenn Dunnam Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Wendy Tanner	Absent Joe Marmo	Carrie Hennen	Katie Strozyk, PHSS Opioid Response Coord. Joe Avalos, Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Org.

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Welcome & Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved June meeting minutes ▪ Introduced Katie Strozyk, Thurston County’s new Opioid Response Coordinator who will lead the implementation of the County’s new Opioid Response Plan and the work of the Opioid Task Force.
Changes in Overall Behavioral Health System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joe Avalos, Chief Operating Officer from the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization (TMBHO), provided a presentation on major changes in the behavioral health system driven by statewide legislation mandating Integrated Managed Care ▪ Questions and discussion topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons learned from other regions include transition issues and challenges with billing ○ Implications of the change may differ for larger and smaller providers ○ Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will offer providers similar contract terms to what they have from the TMBHO for at least one year; therefore, the impact of system changes may take some time to become apparent ○ Many stakeholders have concerns that some services will no longer be covered or will be reimbursed at rates that make current service models untenable ○ If/ when new gaps emerge, some providers may look to the Treatment Sales Tax to maintain service levels ○ The reduction in non-Medicaid funds to the TMBHO (which will become an Administrative Services Organization/ Behavioral Health Agency in 2020) will result in some loss of capacity for in-jail treatment services. This has been planned for, and TST will invest significantly more in in-jail mental health treatment in

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	<p>2020. This funding was originally planned for the Sheriff's Office budget. However, as a result of conversations between the Sheriff's Office, the TMBHO and TST staff, this funding is in the process of being moved to the TMBHO budget.</p>	
<p>TST Opportunity Analysis (2018)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carrie presented the results of an informal gap analysis conducted in 2018, which included recommendations about possible services or programming that could address these gaps. Some of these services were subsequently funded by TST during the County's biennial budget process and are rolling out now. However, numerous gaps remain. ▪ Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the leadup to the 2021-2022 budget process, it will be important to reexamine gaps in the local behavioral health system and to proactively seek budget requests to fill these gaps. 	
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<p>Preparation for TST Program Showcase</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carrie presented an outline of plans for the 'program showcase' meetings that will occur in September, October and November 2019 ▪ Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee members responded positively to the planned format for the meetings. They suggested adding budget information as context and asking programs to clearly explain potential solutions to challenges. ○ Committee members overall determined that they did not want to 'specialize' by being assigned particular programs; all committee members will do their best to become familiar with all programs being presented for each agenda. 	
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<p>Wrap Up and Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Strozyk gave an overview of her plans as she begins her new role as the County's Opioid Response Coordinator. 	

Next Meeting:
 Friday, September 20, 2019
 8:30-11:30am
 Public Health & Social Services Building, Room 107