

Meeting Minutes: Friday, October 18, 2019

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
10/18/19	8:30-11:30am	PHSS	Pam Gant

Attendance		
Committee Members	TST Staff	Others
Joe Marmo Glenn Dunnam Jim Stanton Bob Jones Wendy Tanner Chanita Jackson Marilyn Roberts Skip Steffen	Absent Gina Thompson	Carrie Hennen Pam Gant Liz Dasse Christy Peters Whitney Pearsall Staci Coleman Larry Hoffman Patrick O'Connor Raul Salazar Rosemary Hewitson Jennifer Creighton Judge Christine Schaller Sabrina Craig Phil Griffith Matt Sharp

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Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>This program showcase focused on TST-funded Thurston County treatment court programs. Programs were asked to reflect on their TST data and complete a brief presentation template in advance of the meeting.</i> ▪ <i>Housekeeping announcement: Each court has 45 minutes for their presentations, including program staff from Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Public Defense; TST staff time-keeper will provide 10-minute warning to keep the program showcases on schedule; TST staff encourages leaving 10 minutes for questions.</i> ▪ <i>Introductions: Name, agency, and which programs you are associated with</i>
Program Showcases	<p><i>Notes below capture basic points of discussion; please also see accompanying slide presentation and TST Data Dashboard for more complete information presented by each program.</i></p> <p>Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Alternative, Christy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program has been extremely collaborative between Juvenile Court, Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Public Defense • Considering case dismissal/reduced charges as incentive for JJBHA participation <p>Drug Court & DUI Court, Sabrina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation rate fluctuates quarter to quarter, largely due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serving high risk, high need population of clients

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clients going on bench warrant and eventually being terminated from the program (2019-Q1 43% of program exits were termination due to bench warrants) ○ 2019-Q1 also included two court cancellations due to the holidays falling on the regular court calendar ● Program actively seeking solutions to prevent clients from going on bench warrant; looking at different engagement strategies, especially for clients that successfully complete the Chemical Dependency Program in jail and go on bench warrant after entering work release. ● DUI Court has a notably small census/caseload at any given time, so one unsuccessful exit out of a few can drastically change the graduation rate quarter after quarter ● Early referrals to Drug Court/DUI Court are important so that clients can understand the options available to them. ● Program staff work actively to find housing options for their participants ● Public Defense comments, Luke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Medication-Assisted Treatment has been a helpful resource ○ Chemical Dependency Program should be a last resort and has been relied on heavily by the Drug Court/DUI Court program—CDP participation requires 20 weeks in jail and has different rules/sanctions from the Drug Court/DUI Court program ○ Increased need for housing, especially clean and sober housing ○ Would like to see fewer terminations after bench warrant ● Prosecuting Attorney’s Office comments, Rosemary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Excellent team of 3 assigned public defenders and 3 assigned prosecutors for Drug Court/DUI Court ○ The Chemical Dependency Program has been a useful option to help stabilize participants because it is a collaborative process in which participants live with others with shared/similar experiences ○ Reliable transportation has become a challenge because the public transit system does not go everywhere in the county and can be exceptionally lengthy amount of time to get from Point A to Point B, consuming a lot of a participant’s time ● National Conference Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did not discuss everything available on the program showcase slides ○ Parenting classes can reduce recidivism (quoted 65% reduction in recidivism) for parents in the Drug Court/DUI Court program—90% of Thurston County participants have children

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	<p>Mental Health Court & Veterans Court, Staci</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals to Mental Health & Veterans Court are a significant process that has been discussed by many offices/departments; improvement efforts have been made • Gathering information about referrals takes a significant amount of time, such as receiving documentation from behavioral health providers and working with individuals with serious mental illness • Referrals to the programs have decreased because referents have heard about the courts reaching capacity and having a waitlist • To open new spots in court, the program has considered allowing graduations at 18 and 20 months of successful participation rather than waiting for 24 full months • It has been increasingly difficult to find housing solutions/options for participants in Mental Health and Veterans Court because many participants have intense behavioral issues/needs • Clients with SSI/SSDI cannot use these funds for court associated costs/fees • Mental Health and Veterans Court do not have their “own” providers, which means program staff work with a multitude of providers for their participants • Social isolation of participants is an issue within the Mental Health & Veterans Court model, so the program is trying to increase social engagement among participants (social support is considered an incentive to participation) • The treatment courts would love to explore housing options best suited to their participants- perhaps a tiny house village or some kind of specific housing option for clients with behavioral health needs • Public Defense comments, Patrick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need for this court is increasing, we need to continue to work toward solutions ○ Public defense has been working with Mental Health and Veterans Court staff on the referral process, but it is difficult to refer to a program with a 1-3 month wait time to get into the court when the clients need help right away ○ Need to work with clients that are on a waiting list so they can receive help before entering court • Prosecuting Attorney’s Office comments, Liz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participants truly benefit from this court program because they need a coordinated system that establishes habits and keeps them on track with their treatment and engagement ○ Courthouse facilities are at capacity ○ Clients need cell phones to stay in contact and to potentially incorporate mobile apps for calendars and check-ins

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<p>Advisory Committee Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved July 2019 and September 2019 meeting minutes • Debrief Program Showcases (September and October) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a huge time pressure at September meeting (10 minutes per program) <i>but</i> the format allowed for networking and cross-pollination of ideas among the various youth and family programs ○ There was less emphasis on the National Conferences today as opposed to last year, but the written highlights were interesting to read ○ It would be helpful to create a list of challenges and “blank check exercises” across the programs to discover connections/similarities ○ Housing came up in nearly every program ○ Should work with the housing system to advocate for strategies involving justice-involved individuals ○ The treatment court program showcases didn’t quite explain what their services are • Domestic Violence treatment update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DV treatment cannot be paid with TST dollars unless it is part of a treatment court ○ The current treatment courts will likely begin integrating DV treatment • Youth Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization budget reallocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The total TMBHO budget will not change, but there may be a need to shift funding from one program to another in response to changes made to the behavioral health system on January 1st ○ Budget neutral impact, but TST program manager to facilitate and approve any necessary changes to cover potential gaps in service

Next Meeting:

Friday, November 15, 2019 8:30-12:30pm (Public Health & Social Services Building, Olympia)