

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 17, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
4/17/2020	8:30-10:30am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
<b>Present</b> Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Skip Steffen Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Steven Thomson Gina Thompson Chanita Jackson	<b>Absent</b> Glenn Dunam	Carrie Hennen	Mary Ann O'Garro

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome, Introductions, and Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome new TST Advisory Committee members!               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Steven Thomson and Priscilla Terry were appointed to the committee by the BOCC beginning in March 2020</li> <li>○ All committee members introduced themselves</li> </ul> </li> <li>• February 2020 meeting minutes approved</li> <li>• TST Community Brainstorm               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TST invited community ideas for possible future TST funding; 5 ideas were submitted. Unfortunately, the funding picture has changed considerably since the community brainstorm was launched and program expansions may not be possible. The list of ideas will be shared with the Advisory Committee for the May meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The TST Data Analyst position has been vacant since the end of February; interviews have been completed and an offer has been made.</li> <li>• COVID-19 Updates- A chart showing how all TST-funded programs have adapted to the current environment was shared. Most programs continue to function using phone calls and technology to support clients remotely. A handful of programs are currently suspended.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>See accompanying handout</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Harm Reduction & Law Enforcement- Assisted Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ann O'Garro provided an overview of harm reduction principles. It was noted that harm reduction is a philosophy or an approach to service delivery rather than a specific program. This framework has a proven evidence base and can be applied to a range of programs such as health, sexual health, criminal justice, etc.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See accompanying handout</li> <li>● Mary Ann also provided an update on Law-Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) in Thurston County. LEAD is a national model originating in Seattle through which law enforcement officers have the option of connecting individuals with case management and other services instead of making an arrest. An attempt at implementing LEAD locally several years ago faced numerous challenges. Thurston County is currently refining a proposal to launch a new version of LEAD with funding from the Health Care Authority.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ See accompanying handout</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Discussion focused on the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The role of peers in implementing LEAD</li> <li>○ How an updated LEAD program will be an improvement on the previous model</li> <li>○ How individuals will be handed off from law enforcement to case management/ services</li> <li>○ Which law enforcement agencies will participate</li> <li>○ Hours of coverage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
TST Finance Check In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff provided updates on TST revenue and spending in 2019:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In 2019, TST revenue almost exactly equaled expenditures-- \$6.4m</li> <li>○ A spreadsheet showing budget v. expenditures for each TST program was shared.</li> <li>○ The spreadsheet also showed leveraged funds for each program. Some TST programs leverage significant outside funding—for example, many TST-funded youth treatment programs blend TST with Medicaid and other funding; TST is a small portion of overall budget and allows these programs to serve youth who do not qualify for Medicaid. Conversely, some programs, such as TST-funded jail programs are almost entirely funded by TST. These programs do not leverage much outside funding, as there are few other fund sources available to them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Staff and the committee discussed the changing TST fiscal picture:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good news-- TST has a significant fund balance (over \$5m)</li> <li>○ Bad news-- Revenues in 2020 are expected to decline significantly, but it is not yet known by how much</li> <li>○ The picture has shifted from one in which TST was likely to be able to fund program expansions or creations to one in which maintaining current services may not be possible</li> <li>○ The group discussed how to plan for this budget scenario, including asking programs directly about the impact of possible budget cuts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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TST Dashboard Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group briefly looked at data for 2 TST-funded programs</li> <li>• Staff encouraged Advisory Committee members to continue to utilize this tool to become familiar with programs, their performance measures, and their recent spending</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting:** Friday, May 15, 8:30-10:30am  
VIA ZOOM