

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 15, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
5/15/2020	8:30-10:45am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
<p>Present</p> <p>Glenn Dunam Marilyn Roberts Skip Steffen Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Steven Thomson Gina Thompson</p>	<p>Absent</p> <p>Chanita Jackson Bob Jones</p>	<p>Carrie Hennen</p>	<p>Mark Freedman & Joe Avalos Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization</p>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>Welcome, Introductions, and Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2020 meeting minutes approved • The TST Data Analyst position has been vacant since the end of February. Two offers have been made but were not accepted. The position is currently reposted. • Programs have submitted data for the period of Jan 1- March 31, 2020. Without a data analyst, Carrie is reviewing reports and will work to update the online dashboard.
<p>Current Issues in Local Behavioral Health System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Managed Care • Crisis Services • Other issues • Discussion 	<p><i>See accompanying power point presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Freedman and Joe Avalos of the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization provided updates to the group. • The group discussed questions including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The role of TST in blending and braiding funding streams to provide more comprehensive and accessible services ○ Reasons the state decided to implement Integrated Managed Care, challenges with its implementation, and how these challenges may be addressed in the future ○ Crisis service utilization, including rates of involuntary detention and changes in the area of detention for substance use disorder ○ Availability (or lack of availability) of community-based beds as alternatives to Western State Hospital ○ Implications of COVID-19, including telehealth, increased Medicaid eligibility and needs, increased suicide risk, and cash flow issues for providers

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<p>Gaps & Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WA Department of Health Statewide Forecast • TST Community Brainstorm • Shifts due to COVID-19 	<p><i>See accompanying handouts—WA Department of Health Statewide Forecast; TST Community Brainstorm, Shifts Due to COVID-19</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed needs in the community including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ideas submitted by community partners as potential TST-eligible programs for the future, several of which are former TST Community Grant recipients or applicants. This process was launched prior to the emergence of the budget crisis related to COVID-19; given the economic changes, funding new programs will be difficult ○ Implications of COVID-19 with respect to behavioral health
<p>Budget Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund balance, revenue and budget scenarios • What info do you need to make a good budget recommendation? 	<p><i>See accompanying handout</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed the budget crisis stemming from COVID-19 and its implications for TST-funded programs. Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concern that the TST fund balance would be diverted to other uses; it was noted that this would require legislative action to allow counties to change the use of restricted funds ○ Approaches to making budgetary reductions including across the board reductions, prioritization by type of service or population, analysis of changing needs, etc. ○ It was noted that for small programs, the “tipping point” below which they can’t function should be considered. ○ The group agreed that more information will become available through BOCC and other discussions in the coming weeks.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 19, 8:30-11:00am
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