

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
7/24/2020	8am - Noon	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance		
Committee Members	TST Staff	Others
<p>Present</p> <p>Glenn Dunam Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Steven Thomson Gina Thompson</p>	<p>Absent</p> <p>Marilyn Roberts Skip Steffen</p> <p>Carrie Hennen</p>	<p>Schelli Slaughter Marianne Clear Nicole Carbone Mike Fenton Georgia Christian Christy Peters Jason Bean-Mortinson Gary Enns Gretchen Thaller Mary Ann O’Garro Mark Moffett Ashley Strauss</p>

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Welcome, Introductions, and Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2020 meeting minutes approved. • Schelli Slaughter welcomed the group and thanked the Advisory Committee members for their time and service. • Carrie provided an overview of the meeting, reminding the group that about half of offices & departments receiving TST funding would present a preview of their budget requests to the committee at today’s meeting and the remainder will present on July 31, 2020.

Budget Presentations from County Offices & Departments (see accompanying slides)

County offices and departments presented slides addressing current TST-funded programming, requests for TST budget changes for existing or new programs, ways in which programs seek to advance equity, and COVID-19 implications of current and possible new programming. Slides are available accompanying these minutes and their content is not repeated below—instead, Committee discussion and questions are summarized.

Pretrial Services	<p>Marianne Clear presented information and budget requests related to Pretrial Services Diversion. Discussion and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification that Pretrial Services serves felony cases - Clarification that this diversion option is a less intensive/ lighter touch service compared to treatment courts such
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	<p>as Veterans Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of racial equity. Marianne provided an overview of the Advancing Pretrial Policy and Reform Initiative, for which Thurston County is one of five sites across the county. A key element of this project is to eliminate disparities in pretrial policies and practices, and this effort has implications for the entire justice system.
<p>Juvenile Court</p>	<p>Mike Fenton presented information and budget requests related to the Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Alternative and Equine Assisted Youth Peer Support. Discussion and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consequences for youth of decreased access to in-person services due to COVID; Mike noted that Court staff and service providers are concerned but full impact is not yet known. He indicated that there has not been an increase in rearrests for participants. - Equity lens on data with respect to outcomes- Mike indicated that this level of analysis hasn't yet been conducted and is challenging given the low numbers of participants in these programs. He noted that the Court does track participation in all programs by race and ethnicity and provided an example of how the Court responded when it noticed low levels of participation by Native youth in a particular evidence-based program. - Questions about how many Juvenile Court staff identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous or People of Color). Mike indicated that this is a low number and is partly a result of very low rates of turnover among Juvenile Court staff. Partnerships with service providers can help ameliorate that issue. - Engagement with the Equine Assisted Youth Peer Support program- Mike noted that this program has been remarkable in its ability to connect with youth who have not engaged with other programs. He noted that adding an aftercare component that includes family participation would be desirable.
<p>Prosecuting Attorney's Office</p>	<p>Christy Peters presented information and budget requests related to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office involvement in treatment courts. Discussion and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Racial equity across the justice system (Broader than TST)- Christy provided an overview of discussion at the July 2020 Thurston County Law and Justice Council meeting on this topic, and noted that a cross-system ad hoc committee is being convened to examine policies and data related to this issue - Discussion of a statewide ad hoc committee led by the state's law schools to address issues of racial equity in the criminal justice system - Discussion of racial diversity of PAO attorneys- Christy noted that PAO staff are largely white, but indicated that efforts to recruit more diverse law school summer interns over the past few years will provide an opportunity to fill permanent positions with more diverse staff in the

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<p>Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization</p>	<p>coming years (similar to how the office has become much more diverse with respect to gender identity over the past 20-30 years).</p> <p>Jason Bean-Mortinson and Gary Enns presented information and budget requests related to the numerous TST-funded programs administered by the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization. Discussion and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jail Behavioral Health—clarification of difference between crisis services and stabilization/ ongoing therapy; discussion of evidence-based practices used in this program and whether they are normed on populations beyond white males (motivational interviewing, brief therapy, peer-based interventions), discussions of services to veterans (refer to other services for which they may be eligible) - Housing Case Management & Inmate Housing Case Management- clarification about average amount of time for rental assistance (averages 3 months, but can be extended as needed; extensions have become more common due to COVID); discussion of tension between Housing First principles and the requirements of TST that services be connected to behavioral health treatment (treatment engagement is a goal, but there is some flexibility) - Intensive Case Management- observation that this program’s emphasis on meeting individuals “where they are at” (e.g. encampments, streets, etc) makes it more challenging to implement via telephonic means than some other treatment programs; discussion of providers’ ability to obtain personal protective equipment for staff and clients - Nisqually Jail Pretrial Release & Reentry Assistance- clarification that many jurisdictions, both in and out of Thurston County, use the Nisqually Jail, but only individuals with charges in Thurston County receive services (out of county individuals receive a resource guide); discussion of the large numbers of individuals recently released from the facility due to COVID and whether those individuals had been provided with release plans (as many as possible) - Youth Outpatient Treatment- discussion of COVID impacts (significant, since this is a school-based program), and questions about how to continue to engage students if schools aren’t reopened in the fall - Children’s Mobile Crisis- no questions - Multisystemic Therapy- discussion of research base for this intervention, discussion of diversity of staff - Steps to Wellness- observation that this is a low barrier program engaging underserved young people - Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISE)- observation that COVID has resulted in a smaller waiting list due to decreased referrals

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition Aged Youth WISE- new program proposal, acknowledgement that funding may not be available but that this is an important need - Overall question- A committee member raised questions about the relationships between the many programs under discussion, and asked whether there were opportunities to integrate any of these programs and the associated funding into larger “buckets”, possibly allowing greater flexibility and efficiencies. The group agreed that this should be considered, but also noted that for many programs, TST is just one of the funders, so these programs are in some ways already parts of a bigger system. This topic can be explored in future discussions.
<p>Public Health & Social Services</p>	<p>Carrie Hennen, Gretchen Thaller, Mark Moffett and Mary Ann O’Garro presented information and budget requests related to the TST-funded programs administered by Public Health and Social Services. Discussion and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TST Administration- discussion of how data on TST-funded programs related to race/ ethnicity is used (this is an area to work on in the coming months), discussion of revenue projections - TST Community Grants- questions about Health and Human Services Council awards (different from TST Community Grants but may support the same organizations) - Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)- questions about bilingual staff (program has nurses who speak Spanish and Vietnamese), discussion of whether local funding for NFP is used as match for federal funds (no), discussion of overall NFP budget (in Thurston, TST is about 1/3 of the program budget) - Veterans Case Manager- no questions - Families Unidas Community Health Nurse- new request- questions about where families who do not meet NFP eligibility criteria are referred currently (sometimes Parents as Teachers at Community Youth Services or other programs, but resources are limited), questions about whether this program could be eligible for Medicaid funding (no, in Washington, use of Medicaid for maternal child health is limited only to one specific program) - Justice Outreach Program- request to move a current TST community grant to the PHSS base budget; discussion clarified that, in addition to providing direct service to justice involved individuals with opioid use disorder, this contractor provides information sessions to criminal justice system staff including Court personnel, attorneys, and Correctional staff.

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Wrap Up	The Committee expressed appreciation for the presentations and discussion and indicated that they had gained valuable information and context about the programs. They agreed that the basic structure of the meeting was effective and should be repeated the following week with the remaining offices and departments requesting TST funding.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 31, 8am-Noon
VIA ZOOM