

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
9/11/2020	8:30-11:30am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
Present Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Skip Steffen Wendy Tanner Steven Thomson Gina Thompson	Absent Glenn Dunam Chanita Jackson Priscilla Terry	Carrie Hennen	None

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome, Introductions, and Updates	The group approved the minutes from the August 7, 2020 TST Advisory Committee meeting
TST Budget Process	<p>The group reviewed materials showing all requests for TST funding from County offices and departments and the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization for existing programs as well as proposed program expansions/ new programs.</p> <p>The group began by discussing all requests for TST funding for existing programs (maintenance level requests):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group reached tentative agreements on recommended funding levels for maintenance level requests, although some questions remain. - The group discussed one policy-level request (Public Defense Social Worker) because of its interrelationship with an existing maintenance level program, Public Defense Mitigation Services, and tentatively penciled in funding for this program. - In some cases, the group noted historical underspending and considered decreases to maintenance level funding. - The group had considerable discussion of the impact of COVID on existing programs and whether decreases in utilization due to the impacts of COVID should translate

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	<p>into decreases in funding. For example, if a service location is seeing dramatically fewer individuals as a result of COVID, should TST funding be decreased, albeit perhaps at a more modest rate? The group did not reach a final conclusion. One proposal was to develop a funding recommendation to the BOCC that does not include these types of adjustments, along with an alternative scenario showing what additional programs could be funded if this type of adjustment were to be implemented.</p> <p>The group agreed to focus the next week’s meeting on requests for new funding (policy-level requests—program expansions, new programs, etc).</p> <p>In the meantime, the group asked staff to obtain additional information from several programs to better understand program function and/ or historical spending patterns.</p>

Next Meeting: Friday, September 18, 8:30-11:30AM
VIA ZOOM