

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
2/19/2021	8:30-11:30am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance		
Committee Members	TST Staff	Others
<p>Present</p> <p>Glenn Dunam Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Steven Thomson Gina Thompson Robert Almada¹ Sfirah Madrone²</p>	<p>Absent</p> <p>Skip Steffen</p> <p>Carrie Hennen</p>	<p>Comm. Tye Menser Comm. Gary Edwards Comm. Carolina Mejia Ramiro Chavez Robin Campbell Schelli Slaughter</p>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>Welcome, Introductions & General Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff provided an update on TST Advisory Committee membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Skip Steffen and Glenn Dunnam will rotate off the committee effective March 2021. o Marilyn Roberts has been reappointed to the committee for 3 more years. o Bob Almada and Sfirah Madrone have been appointed to the committee; terms officially begin in March. - The committee approved meeting minutes from the January 15, 2021 meeting. - A new TST Data Analyst will start in early March 2021. - A contract with the WA Health Care Authority for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion has been signed. TST staff is awaiting a proposal regarding how TST matching funds might be used. - 2020 Financial Update- Staff noted that 2020 financial data is not yet finalized, but it appears revenue continued to increase. There was also significant underspending, mostly as a result of program suspensions and underutilization due to COVID closures and restrictions.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 2021 TST Community Grant Request for Proposal process will open on February 26, 2021. Applications will be due on April 2, 2021. A total of \$250,000 is available.
<p>Program Discussions- Adult Programs</p>	<p>The committee reviewed data related to adult programs funded by TST with the goal of better understanding these programs and identifying questions for follow up discussion.</p> <p>The programs discussed included the following; follow up discussion items are shown in italics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chemical Dependency Program- <i>Committee would like to discuss questions related to clinical oversight, graduation rate and what happens if participants leave jail in the middle of their involvement in the program.</i> - Reentry Assistance, Transition & Medication Management- <i>Committee is interested in updates on how these programs have functioned during COVID.</i> - TST Corrections Coordinator- <i>Committee is interested in general report on this position's role & duties. Also interested in jail leadership's thoughts on whether there may be opportunities to merge/ integrate some existing programming and/or data collection. And, Committee would like a general update on trends in jail population pre-COVID and since COVID.</i> - Psych ARNP- <i>Committee would like an update on rollout of the small amount of TST funds added in 2021 for psych meds AND what the costs/ considerations would be in expanding beyond just the competency restoration population.</i> - Jail Behavioral Health Program (TM-BHASO)- <i>Committee is interested in update on this program in the year since additional TST resources were added and preview of how services may change/ additional needs as Trueblood grant expires.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>ALSO interested in general update from Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization on system issues since implementation of Integrated Managed Care</i> - Intensive Case Management- <i>Interested in clarification about whether assessments done in the community are billed to Medicaid when possible and how often this is the case.</i> - Veterans Case Manager- <i>Committee asked staff to work with this program's leadership to consider broadening eligibility to include any Veteran with behavioral health needs, rather than just those with justice involvement.</i> <p>The following programs were also discussed and data was reviewed by the Committee. No specific follow up questions were identified at this time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing for Reentry Employment - Public Defense Social Services Specialist- ask for update on implementation later in year

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pretrial Services Diversion- ask for update on program expansion later in year - Intensive Supervision Probation Counselor - Housing Case Management - Nisqually Jail Case Management
<p>Discussion with Board of County Commissioners</p>	<p>All participants introduced themselves and provided an overview of their background and their connections to Treatment Sales Tax. The Commissioners and other County leaders thanked the Advisory Committee members for the work, time, and expertise they devote to the TST program.</p> <p>Commissioners also responded to several questions provided in advance by Committee staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What are the Board's priorities for TST?</i> <p>Commissioners mentioned reduction of jail population, services to address underlying issues leading to justice involvement, and services to youth to meet needs earlier on. In addition, the Commissioners recognized the expertise of Committee members and noted that they rely on that group to identify needs and set priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What will be the County's next steps related to racial equity?</i> <p>County Manager Ramiro Chavez provided an overview of a recent Board work session in which a number of internal and external strategies to advance racial equity in Thurston County were discussed. Commissioners provided additional comments, noting that it is important that action steps are meaningful, rather than being "box checking" exercises.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What will be the role of the County's new Criminal Justice Program Manager?</i> <p>The County Manager and Commissioners provided an overview of likely roles, noting that the development of this position creates a number of opportunities in helping the County use data and look at innovative program models related to criminal justice.</p>
<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p>Next meeting will include visits from programs for which Advisory Committee has requested follow up information (at January and February 2021 meetings).</p>

Next Meeting: Friday, March 19, 2021, 8:30-11:30AM
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