

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
4/16/2021	8:30-11:30am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
<p><b>Present</b></p> <p>Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Steven Thomson Gina Thompson Sfirah Madrone</p>	<p><b>Absent</b></p> <p>Robert Almada</p>	<p>Carrie Hennen Kelsey Paolini</p>	<p>Katie Alderson Sabrina Craig Kalea Christiansen Laura Vogel Jason Bean-Mortinson Mark Freedman Lt. Stephanie Klein Patrick O'Connor Christy Peters Marianne Clear</p>

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>Welcome, Introductions &amp; General Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The committee approved <b>meeting minutes</b> from the March 19, 2021 meeting.</li> <li>- The 2021 <b>TST Community Grant Request for Proposal</b> process is underway; 8 proposals are under review. A total of \$250,000 is available. A review team will make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, who will make a funding decision in May.</li> <li>- The <b>TST Data Dashboard</b> for Q4 2020 will be updated by April 20, 2021.</li> <li>- Staff is coordinating follow up discussions from the March 2021 TST Advisory Committee meeting related to the cost of <b>psych medications in the jail and Moral Reconation Therapy</b>.</li> <li>- <b>2020 TST revenue and expenditures</b> were as follows:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Revenue- \$6,915,239 (up 8% from 2019)</li> <li>o Expenditures- \$6,290,555 (down 1.5% from 2019)</li> <li>o New fund balance- \$6,243,743</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The BOCC has decided that the next budget to be adopted will be a <b>biennial budget</b> for the 2022-2023 period. Committee members asked what type of flexibility there may be to modify or add to the second year's budget in this</li> </ul>

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<p>Program Discussions: Superior Court</p>	<p>situation, and staff agreed to revisit and get further information on this subject.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Data for Superior Court-</b> The Court Administrator has confirmed that Superior Court will begin reporting data on race/ ethnicity of TST clients in 2021.</li> <li>- <b>Domestic Violence Case Coordinator-</b> Program staff noted that cost of domestic violence treatment is often a barrier to successful completion, and provided an update on an alternate funding source that could be used to cover this cost in some (but not all) cases.</li> <li>- <b>Family Recovery Court-</b> Staff provided an update on the launch of HeartStrides equine-assisted services for this population, noting that 6 of 10 FRC participants are already involved in HeartStrides. It is hoped that all FRC participants will be able to participate in the HeartStrides program over time, and funding provided is sufficient to do this. Use of smartwatches to monitor biometric feedback was also discussed. In addition, staff provided an update on the Safe Babies Court, funded through an external grant to Superior Court.</li> <li>- <b>DUI Court-</b> Staff noted that DUI Court services are fully integrated with Drug Court’s, using the same Court calendars, treatment groups, and administrative oversight. There was discussion of low numbers of participants in this program, and it was noted that the requirement that participants use their deferred prosecution prior to participation in DUI Court significantly reduces the pool of eligible referrals. Public Defense leadership asked whether there may be additional creative options to incentivize participation in the program to make it more attractive to potential participants and suggested an offline discussion among partners on this topic.</li> </ul>
<p>State v. Blake Implications</p>	<p>The group had significant discussion of the recent state Supreme Court decision, which declared Washington’s drug possession law unconstitutional.</p> <p>Discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leadership from Public Defense and the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office outlined actions to date and the many next steps related to this Court decision with respect to vacating convictions, quashing warrants, resentencing, etc. Both agreed that the implications are incredibly far-reaching and the workload is massive, with it potentially taking years to process the thousands of cases impacted by this decision.</li> <li>- Various partners provided updates on ongoing legislative discussions. It is likely that the legislature will pass a bill to address some of the implications of the bill, possibly including criminal penalties for possession, funding for counties to support efforts to vacate convictions, quash warrants and resentence all cases impacted, and funding and mechanisms for new services and outreach for individuals with substance use disorder needs who might previously have been arrested.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The group discussed implications for TST-funded programs and potential future investments. With respect to currently funded programs, program representatives agreed that there may be some shift in the type of individuals served with respect to underlying criminal charges, but there will still be many individuals who have substance use disorder needs entering the justice system who will benefit from TST-funded programs such as Drug Court and Pretrial Services Diversion. With respect to potential future TST investments, there may be an argument for more “front end” services to ensure individuals can be served before entering the justice system. However, where the gaps are in the service system will be impacted by what actions are taken and what investments are made by the legislature.</li> </ul>
Racial Equity	<p>The Committee reviewed recent actions by the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Health related to racial equity.</p> <p>The group brainstormed a number of options related to potential next steps for advancing racial equity in the TST context. Options included offering or mandating training, setting aside funding for a proposal process specifically focused on racial equity, engaging BiPOC communities in discussion and decisions, and others.</p> <p><i>Action Step:</i> The committee asked staff to compile a list of potential next steps based on the discussion, invite committee members to add to the list, and bring the item back for additional discussion at future meetings.</p>
Wrap Up and Next Steps	<p><i>Next meeting will include:</i> Gap analysis, priorities and principles for next round of budget discussions, continued discussion of next steps on racial equity in the TST context</p>

**Next Meeting:** Friday, May 21, 2021, 8:30-11:30AM  
VIA ZOOM