

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
5/21/2021	8:30-11:30am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
<p>Present</p> <p>Robert Almada Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Steven Thomson Gina Thompson Sfirah Madrone</p>	<p>Absent</p> <p>Chanita Jackson</p>	<p>Carrie Hennen Kelsey Paolini</p>	<p>None</p>

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Welcome, Introductions & General Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee approved meeting minutes from the April 16, 2021 meeting. - The 2021 TST Community Grant Request for Proposal process is underway; the Board of County Commissioners is considering a recommendation from a team that reviewed proposals and will make funding decisions imminently. - The group discussed some relevant issues from the recent legislative session, including the upcoming rollout of new Substance Use Recovery Navigators, a statewide 988 crisis line, and additional federal funding for behavioral health coming to the Administrative Services Organization. - Staff provided an update on changes in the provider agency that will deliver TST-funded services through the Juvenile Court and Detention Transitions program.
Upcoming Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule and Topics	<p>The committee reviewed the upcoming meeting dates and agenda items.</p> <p>Action Step: The group agreed to move the June meeting date to June 11, 2021.</p>
Opportunity Analysis	<p>The committee reviewed the 2021 TST opportunity analysis. The group discussed implications related to workforce shortages, housing, diversity, equity and inclusion, trauma-informed care, and how services can be delivered as law enforcement adapts to changing guidance from the legislature and community regarding its involvement in non-criminal situations.</p>

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	<p><i>Action Step:</i> Staff will explore whether there may be options for TST to make investments related to workforce development. Staff will share the opportunity analysis with agencies requesting funding to possibly inform their budget requests.</p>
<p>Communication to Offices & Departments Prior to the Budget Process</p>	<p>The group identified questions it would like offices and departments requesting funding to address at the upcoming budget discussions.</p> <p>For programs currently receiving TST funding and requesting ongoing funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With respect to diversity, equity and inclusion, what has your program/ office/ department accomplished since last year? What is planned for the next year? Is there anything you are excited about or proud of? - How has your program adapted to the current state of the pandemic? Please explain increases or decreases in demand for services and impact on your budget request. With respect to services, did your program make changes as a result of COVID that are likely to remain in place? <p>For programs that would be new to TST, offices & departments will be asked to address the questions above as well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does this proposal address an unmet need in the community? Please cite the 2021 TST opportunity analysis or other specific data on gaps. - What is the research or evidence base supporting this proposal? <p><i>Action Step:</i> Staff will draft templates and ask offices and departments to address the questions above in their July 2021 budget presentations.</p>
<p>TST Advisory Committee Conflict of Interest Policy</p>	<p>The group reviewed the conflict of interest statement in the Thurston County code pertaining to the TST committee. Staff noted that questions related to this policy had come up several times in recent months, and asked the committee to discuss whether they felt that the BOCC should consider changes to the policy.</p> <p>The group agreed on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Having separation between the Advisory Committee and organizations receiving TST funding is beneficial and should be preserved; - It would be reasonable for the BOCC to consider adding language creating a process through which potential

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	<p>committee members disclose possible conflicts and allowing for the BOCC to waive aspects of the policy on a case-by-case basis (preferably with the input of the current committee members);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The current language of the policy could be improved with some clarifications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Explicit clarification that private donations by committee members to agencies receiving TST funds are allowable; o A waiting period of 1 year for individuals leaving employment at agencies receiving TST funding prior to service on the committee; o Replacing the word “otherwise” in the current policy [no “substantive involvement (financial or otherwise)”] should be replaced with “decision making authority” <p><i>Action Step:</i> Staff will take the input above to the Commissioner’s Office and determine whether changes should be pursued with the BOCC.</p>
<p>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</p>	<p>The group continued to discuss issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, and agreed on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions of diversity, equity and inclusion should be part of the upcoming budget discussions (see above) - These discussions should address racial equity as well as issues of equity for LGBTQ populations. - Between now and the next meeting, staff should poll offices and departments to gather their input on possible next steps for TST with respect to issues of DEI. <p><i>Action Step:</i> Staff will survey funding recipients as discussed and bring results, as well as previously brainstormed list, to the June TST Advisory Committee meeting.</p>
<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p><i>Next meeting will include:</i> Update on Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, continued discussion of next steps on racial equity in the TST context, discussion of any budget proposals the TST Advisory Committee wishes to advance</p>

Next Meeting: Friday, June 11, 2021, 8:30-11:30AM
VIA ZOOM