

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2021

| Date | Time | Location | Preparer of Minutes |
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| 6/11/2021 | 8:30-11:30am | ZOOM | Carrie Hennen |

| Attendance | | | |
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| Committee Members | | TST Staff | Others |
| Present Robert Almada Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Sfirah Madrone Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry | Absent Steven Thomson Gina Thompson | Carrie Hennen Kelsey Paolini | Mary Ann O'Garro Patrick O'Connor Wayne Graham |

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| Welcome & Introductions | Members and guests introduced themselves. |
| Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Updates | <p>County staff from Public Health and Social Services, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Public Defense provided updates on the County's implementation of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD).</p> <p>Updates included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BOCC approval of contracts with Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization and Olympic Health and Recovery Services. - Recruitment of members for LEAD Advisory Board. - Discussions with law enforcement, and intention to roll out services starting with Lacey, Tumwater, and Thurston County B & C districts. - Timeline for service delivery is July 2021. <p>Discussion and questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future requests for TST funding to support LEAD- not yet decided - Relationship to funds provided by legislature for "LEAD-like" programming in response to Blake decision- rollout of these funds and services will become more clear in the coming months - List of offenses eligible for LEAD referral is under discussion, including discussion of whether crimes with victims will be eligible. Referral to LEAD is not mandatory. - Social contacts will be an important source of LEAD referrals. |

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| <p>General Updates & Business</p> <p>-</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee approved meeting minutes from the May 21, 2021 meeting. - The TST 2020 Annual Report is now available. - Staff provided a brief update on ongoing discussions with the Sheriff's Office regarding the cost of psychiatric medications and whether TST could cover these costs. - The Board of County Commissioners intends to authorize TST Community Grant contracts with the organizations listed below. Funding amounts are annual allocations; contracts will be for two years beginning July 1, 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason & Thurston Counties (\$100,000) o Family Education and Support Services (\$50,000) o Family Support Center of South Sound (\$89,524) o Northwest Resources (\$30,000) o YWCA of Olympia (\$46,180) |
| <p>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff presented the results of an informal poll of TST Executive Team members (i.e. leads from County offices and departments receiving TST funding). Overall, these individuals expressed interest in receiving support from TST to access training, consultation and other resources to advance diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. There was an interest among these leaders in managing these efforts themselves within their own offices. - The group discussed possible actions related to DEI and identified the following next steps and questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Programs receiving TST funding should be connected to/ aware of free trainings and other resources related to DEI, such as trainings through the Department of Commerce o The TST Advisory Committee decided to advance a request that the BOCC set aside \$50,000 per year in TST funds to be accessed by TST-funded programs for training, consultation and other support o Programs or offices requesting use of these funds should be asked to develop a plan showing how the training, consultation or other efforts will be meaningful—what is the program seeking to accomplish? how will the training or consultation change practice? what will be the outcome and |

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| | <p>how will it be demonstrated?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The TST Advisory Committee also agreed to advance a request that the BOCC set aside \$100,000 per year in TST funds for equity-focused 'mini-grants' to the community. If these funds are made available, an RFP process should be developed to prioritize 'by and for' organizations and/ or specialized services for populations not well-served by existing programs. <p><i>Action step: TST staff will work to request these resources in the County budget process; the Advisory Committee will have another chance to review the requests in the context of the overall budget development process.</i></p> |
| Preparation for Budget Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group discussed whether TST funds should be requested in the upcoming budget cycle to assist in addressing the behavioral health workforce shortage. While several ideas were offered, it was agreed that staff needs to do additional investigation to identify whether there are areas in which TST could make an impact on workforce shortages. - Staff reminded the Committee members of the format for the upcoming budget presentations, and indicated that materials would be shared with members one week in advance of each meeting. |
| Wrap Up and Next Steps | <p><i>The next two meetings (July 23 and 30) will include presentations from all offices and departments requesting TST funding through the County budget process.</i></p> |

Next Meeting: Friday, July 23, 2021, 8am- Noon
VIA ZOOM