

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
9/10/2021	8:30 am- 11:30 am	ZOOM	Carrie Hennen & Kelsey Paolini

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
<p>Present</p> <p>Robert Almada Bob Jones Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Gina Thompson Steven Thompson</p>	<p>Absent</p> <p>Chanita Jackson Sfirah Madrone</p>	<p>Carrie Hennen Kelsey Paolini</p>	

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>Carrie provided an overview of the meeting to discuss budget requests.</p> <p>The Committee approved the minutes from the July 30, 2021 meeting.</p>
Budgets – Maintenance Level Requests	<p>Committee members brought up concerns that many of the programs are non-treatment related programs.</p> <p>Funding Maintenance Level Requests</p> <p>The committee discussed the utility of funding all current programs at maintenance level. There was concern from some members regarding low levels of utilization over the past year and a sense that some programs may be less relevant given the Blake decision.</p> <p>The committee tentatively agreed that certain programs should be reviewed in 1 year based on the Blake decision to consider whether maintenance level funding is still appropriate. This would include the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drug Court/DUI Court (Thurston County Superior Court) - LEAD (Public Health and Social Services) - Jail Programs (Thurston County Sheriff's Office) – - Chemical Dependency Program (includes Drug Court + Jail Inmates) - Corrections Coordinator - Inmate Mental Health Services (Pretrial Release, Re-Entry Assistance, Psych ARNP, Transitions Medication Management)

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	<p>Staff indicated that they would work to determine how this type of review could be accomplished in the context of the biennial County budget process.</p> <p>There was clarification regarding the number of participants in two related but separately funded and administered programs—the DUI/ Drug Court program operated by Superior Court, and the Chemical Dependency Program (CDP) administered by the Sheriff’s Office, which serves a subset of Drug Court clients as well as other Jail Inmates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDP Drug Court - TC Sheriff's Office – 2021-Q1 served 4 people; 2021-Q2 served 6 people; full year 2020 served 37 people - CDP TC Jail - TC Sheriff's Office –2021-Q1 served 10 people; 2021-Q2 served 12 people; full year 2020 served 39 people - Drug Court – TC Superior Court – 2021-Q1 served 60 people; 2021-Q2 served 48; full year 2020 served 120 people
<p>Budgets – Program Expansions & New Programs</p>	<p>Having reviewed all written materials and presentations from July 2021 meetings, Committee agreed to recommend funding for the following requests without need for further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B-11-10: COLA for Inmate Mental Health Services Provider - B-40-12: Family Intervention Nurse - B-40-07: TST Support for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - B-40-06: Maintain existing community grant commitments - B-40-09: Expand Children’s Mobile Crisis - B-40-03: Decrease funds- jail behavioral health - B-40-04: Intensive Treatment Non-Medicaid Transition Aged Youth - B-40-05: Scattered site- peer outreach - B-40-02: ASO co-responder with TCSO - B-40-08: COLAs for ASO programs <p>The Committee had in-depth discussion of the following requests for additional funding:</p> <p>B-06-10 – Family Recovery Court Manager</p> <p>The committee discussed funding this position and did not feel there was a compelling case for an additional management position given the small size of the programs to be supervised. The committee preliminarily decided not to recommend funding.</p> <p>B-06-05 – Safe Babies Court TST</p> <p>The committee decided this program needs further discussion and</p>

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	<p>asked staff to follow up with Superior Court for more information. Questions included level of utilization/ need, data on impacts locally or in other jurisdictions, and clarification about the program model and exactly what services participants received beyond what's provided in other dependency cases.</p> <p>B-07-03 Additional MH/Vet Court Care Coordinator</p> <p>The committee preliminary agreed to recommend funding for this position, but with a proviso that the funding would be dependent upon meeting a specific threshold of number of clients served by a certain date.</p> <p>B-07-01 Additional Intensive Supervision Probation Counselor</p> <p>Several committee members expressed concern that this is outside the core mission of TST to ensure broader access to treatment and did not see a strong connection between probation services and meeting clients' therapeutic needs. The committee preliminarily agreed not to recommend funding.</p> <p>B-73-02 Resource Hub Program Manager</p> <p>There was clarification regarding the vision for this resource hub and what the program manager would do. The program would be run out of Building 4. It was preliminarily agreed that the committee would recommend funding. The group also agreed to revisit this discussion and consider adding funding for provider stipends to ensure community agencies are compensated for making staff available at the resource hub.</p> <p>B-40-10 LEAD Grant</p> <p>It was clarified that this program is administered by Public Health and Social Services, but there are subcontracts with the Administrative Services Organization and Olympic Health and Recovery Services. The committee preliminarily agreed to recommend funding with "asterisks", such as clarifying whether there are other funders and what level of funding is needed. There was discussion of how the Blake decision could influence clients and monitoring this program to ensure services aren't being duplicated through other programs, like mobile outreach services.</p> <p>B-40-11 Social Services Specialist/Community Health Worker</p> <p>The committee discussed getting additional information on defining what exactly this role would be, who they'll make contact with and how, why are they targeting Latin-X, and whether they intend to hire</p>

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	<p>a bilingual individual. Staff will try to obtain this information before the next meeting.</p>
<p>Options for Investing Surplus Funds</p>	<p>It was noted that due to high revenue and a preexisting fund balance, there is more funding available than there are requests. Staff clarified that we typically leave 3 months of spending in the fund balance, but that our goal is to spend down until we get to that level.</p> <p>Staff provided an overview of some possibilities for spending surplus TST funds, including a list of ideas generated from committee member comments and other discussions in recent weeks.</p> <p>With respect to funding housing capital costs, it was noted that there had been preliminary discussion with the Assistant County Manager, who agreed that this would be an acceptable use of the funds as long as all requirements regarding connection to behavioral health treatment could be met and monitored over time. Committee members discussed the restrictions and qualifications for funding housing. The group discussed partnering with other agencies and identifying a project that needs a certain amount of funding to ‘get over the finish line.’ The importance of funding supportive services in housing was also emphasized.</p> <p>The group agreed to revisit the discussion of housing and other possible uses of surplus funds at the next meeting. Staff agreed to provide additional detail on the approximate costs of the ideas brainstormed to date.</p>

Next Meeting:
September 14, 2021
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
VIA ZOOM