

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2022

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
3/18/22	8:30 am – 11:30 am	ZOOM	Chelyn Bigornia

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Others
Present Robert Almada Chanita Jackson Bob Jones Sfirah Madrone Marilyn Roberts Wendy Tanner Priscilla Terry Gina Thompson	Absent None	Carrie Hennen Chelyn Bigornia	Kurt Hardin Sabrina Craig Ali Abid Christian Cabrera Andrew Filak Tabbatha Denning Frankie Peters Keith Meyer Christy Peters

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>The TST Advisory Board Committee members and Kurt Hardin introduced themselves.</p> <p>Sfirah Madrone announced resignation from the TST Advisory Board Committee due to scheduling conflicts.</p> <p>The February 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes were approved.</p>
TST Community Grant RFP & Review Process	<p>An RFP was issued on March 8, 2022, for new and revised Community Grant Proposals. Proposals are due April 7, 2022.</p>
TST Advisory Committee Membership	<p>There are now two vacancies on the TST Advisory Committee.</p> <p>TST Advisory Committee member applications are due April 7, 2022. Current members requesting reappointment will need to fill out a new application.</p>
NAMI/ Justice Not Jails Forums	<p>Carrie announced upcoming community forums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAMI/ Justice Not Jails: March 23, Jail & Court Programs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAMI/ Justice Not Jails: April, Re-Entry. The agenda and date are to be determined. • Thurston Opioid Task Force is hosting a community forum on March 31.
Legislative Recap	<p>Carrie provided a brief recap of the legislative session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased funding for Medicaid and Non-Medicaid services. • Increased funding for behavioral health workforce recruitment and retention. • New behavioral health policy bills, including HB 1735 (a trailer bill to HB1310 designed to ensure law enforcement is able to accompany Designated Crisis Responders to behavioral health detention situations when requested to do so) and HB 1773 (Assisted Outpatient Treatment, a controversial bill with many aspects to be determined).
TST 2021 Fiscal Update	<p>Carrie provided a breakdown of 2021 TST Revenue and Expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual Revenue was \$7.8m, which is 12% higher than 2020. • Budget Expenditures was \$8.3m. • Actual Expenditures was \$6.5m, 21% underspending compared to budget. • Fund balance grew by \$1.3m. • Several programs underspent by more than \$150k: Multisystemic Therapy, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, Jail Behavioral Health Program, Nurse Family Partnership /TST Administration, DUI/ Drug Court. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Underspending was most often due to understaffing. <p>Final numbers may change slightly as the County continues to finalize accounting for 2021, but the overall themes of high revenue and underspending will not change.</p>
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update	<p>TST staff are working with each office, department, and/or program to identify a concrete action step to advance DEI goals in 2022. Please note that this is a work in progress.</p>
TST Program Presentations	<p>Treatment Court leads introduced themselves to the committee. Each Treatment Court lead presented slides related to their program (<i>see accompanying slides</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabrina Craig presented on DUI and Drug Court. • Ali Abid presented on PAO Treatment Court Support (DUI/ Drug Court). • Christian Cabrera presented on Public Defense Treatment Court Support (Drug Court). • Keith Meyers and Frankie Peters presented on Mental Health and

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	<p>Veterans Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Cabrera presented on Public Defense Treatment Court Support (Mental Health/ Veterans Court). • Tabbatha Denning presented on PAO Treatment Court Support (Mental Health Court). • Andrew Filak presented on PAO Treatment Court Support (Veterans Court). • Christy Peters presented on PAO Treatment Court Support (global). <p>The following main topics were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of resources for homelessness and housing needs. • Personnel shortages. • Efforts to simplify and accelerate the process of entering treatment court programs. • Challenges accessing mental health services. • Coordination of services is becoming more complex. For example, cases with criminal justice interactions in multiple jurisdictions require more coordination before the program can provide them with resources. • COVID backlog for charging and filing cases, which has resulted in lower than normal treatment court referrals • State v. Blake’s impact on client eligibility for treatment court programs. • Courts are now back in person under CDC guidelines/ best practices. • Utilization of Peer Support Specialists. • Targeting of treatment court programs toward high risk/ high needs individuals consistent with established best practices.
<p>Wrap Up</p>	<p>There is a TST Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for July 15, 2022 that will need to be rescheduled. Please expect an email from Carrie to coordinate.</p> <p>Please circulate recruitment information.</p> <p>The committee will continue to explore homelessness and housing projects.</p>

Next Meeting:
 April 15, 2022
 8:30 am – 11:30 am
 VIA ZOOM