



Treatment Sales Tax (TST) Advisory Committee

February 16, 2018 Meeting—Minutes

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes, Title, Phone
Friday, 16 February 2018	8:30 AM— 11:30 AM	Building 4, Room 101	Carrie Hennen, Program Manager, 360-867-2092

Attendance				
Committee Members		TST Staff	Other County Staff	
<p><u>Present:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jim Stanton 2. Michelle Marti 3. Skip Steffen 4. Aaron Jelcick 5. Steve Tilley 	<p><u>Excused:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Marmo <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><u>Absent:</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carrie Hennen 2. Dean Runolfson 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staci Coleman 2. Jennifer Creighton 3. Mike Fenton 	
Other Attendees				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marilyn Roberts, TST Advisory Committee member as of March 2018 2. Glenn Dunnam, TST Advisory Committee member as of March 2018 				

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<p>Introductions and Agenda Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comings, Goings & Introductions - Review and Approve Minutes: January 19, 2018 - Meeting Schedule for remainder of 2018 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group introduced themselves to Marilyn Roberts and Glenn Dunnam, who will officially become TST Advisory Committee members in March 2018. Aaron Jelcick will rotate off at this time. The group thanked Dean Runolfson, who will depart County employment at the end of February 2018, for his many contributions. 2. The group approved the January 19, 2018 meeting minutes. 3. The group confirmed meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018. 	



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<p>Program Discussion: Juvenile Justice Behavioral Health Alternative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background/change from Juvenile Drug Court - Data update - What’s going well, what’s not, possible future changes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group reviewed updated data on JJBHA through 2017. 2. Committee members and Mike Fenton, Juvenile Court Administrator, discussed the data and the program. Discussion topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differences between JJBHA and Juvenile Drug Court • Reasons youth who are screened for JJBHA do not ultimately enter the program, and the amount of time needed to conduct upfront assessments and coordination • Retention rate in JJBHA, which preliminarily appears to be higher than it was for Juvenile Drug Court • Types of treatment modalities to which JJBHA participants are referred • Reasons for underspending in 2017 for this program’s TST allocation (primarily because treatment was funded through other sources and salary was less than anticipated) • Use of funding for supportive services and importance of prosocial activities for youth • Potential future TST funding request for Juvenile Court, including possible reallocation or additional for HeartStrides, currently funded through a TST Community Grant 	
<p>Program Discussion: Mental Health and Veterans Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background - Data update - Follow up on TST Data 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group reviewed updated data on Mental Health and Veterans Court through Q3 2017. 2. Committee members and Staci Coleman, Mental Health and Veterans Court Program Manager, and Jennifer Creighton, District Court Administrator, discussed the data and the programs. Discussion topics included: 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Staff will research behavioral health courts in other jurisdictions. b) Staff will begin a running “Issues list” to ensure that the TST Advisory Committee



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<p>Discussion (fall 2017)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons why the majority (90%+) of referrals to the Courts do not ultimately enter the program Reasons the Court does not serve individuals who are at high risk for reoffense in Mental Health and Veterans Courts and how this differs from local practice and national standards for Drug Courts. Program staff indicated that there are not clear national standards for Mental Health Courts. Advisory Committee members suggested that perhaps the Court would consider a 'pilot' to serve higher risk participants. Rationale for having a separate Mental Health Court and Veterans Court Reasons for more and faster entries to Veterans Court than Mental Health Court (primarily because it is often easier to obtain required paperwork) Plans to train attorneys regarding the programs to facilitate better referrals The Court's plans to participate in a national study that will advance national discussion of best practices for Mental Health and Veterans Courts How substance use disorder issues are addressed in Mental Health Court, and whether a Behavioral Health Court model should be considered. 	<p>revisits important discussion points</p>
<p>Additional TST Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TST organization - BOCC prioritization discussion 	<p>1. The group discussed an option being considered by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) under which TST would move within the County's organizational structure into the Public Health and Social Services Department. The group expressed concerns about potential conflicts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Staff will convey Committee Members' feedback regarding TST organization to BOCC. b) Marilyn Roberts volunteered to assist with reviewing TST



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislative update - TST Community Grants—2018-2019 grant process - Administrative Office of the Courts recidivism data - Future meeting agendas 	<p>of interest with such a move, and agreed that the ‘neutral’ location within the County Commissioners’ Office allows the Committee and the TST program to be more effective and less political.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Staff updated the group on a recent exercise related to TST priorities conducted with the BOCC and some members of the TST Executive Team. While the discussion did not result in conclusive guidance, the BOCC did indicate an interest in investing in youth and families, as well as prevention activities (if possible under the law). 3. Two bills in the Legislature this session would directly impact TST. HB 2799 included language explicitly stating that prevention activities could be funded with this fund source; that bill failed to meet the cutoff for passage out of the house of origin. HB 2006 impacts many city and county funding issues, including removing non-supplantation language related to TST. That bill was scheduled to be heard in Senate Local Government on February 20. 4. The annual TST Community Grant process will take place in March- April and will award a total of \$250,000 for TST programs. 5. Dean Runolfson reported that a data sharing agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts has enabled staff to calculate recidivism data for TST-funded programs in the Thurston County Jail for 2015 and 2016. Future data sharing will provide updated data and potentially expand to other programs. 	<p>Community Grant applications; staff will follow up with Committee members to ask for 1 additional volunteer.</p>

Next Meeting: Friday, 16 March 2018, 8:30 AM—11:30 AM