



Treatment Sales Tax (TST) Advisory Committee

January 19, 2018 Meeting—Minutes

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes, Title, Phone
Friday, 19 January 2018	8:30 AM— 11:30 AM	Building 4, Room 101	Dean Runolfson, Data Analyst, 360-867-2093

Attendance			
Committee Members		TST Staff	Other County Staff
<p><u>Present:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Marmo 2. Jim Stanton 3. Michelle Marti 4. Skip Steffen 	<p><u>Excused:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steve Tilley <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p><u>Absent:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aaron Jelcick 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carrie Hennen 2. Dean Runolfson 3. Robin Campbell 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lt. Deb Thompson 2. Lt. Stephanie Klein
Other Attendees			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Avalos, Chief Operations Officer, Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization (TMBHO) 2. Lara Toney, Behavioral Health Care Manager, TMBHO 			

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<p>Trueblood Grant to Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization for In-Jail and Re-Entry Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process - Background - Implementation plan & goals - Connection to TST 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following individuals spoke to the TST Advisory Committee about a grant that has been made available from fees that have accumulated as a result of the Trueblood case: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joe Avalos, Chief Operations Officer, Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization (TMBHO) b. Lara Toney, Behavioral Health Care Manager, TMBHO c. Lt. Deb Thompson, Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau d. Lt. Stephanie Klein, Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) TST staff will find out from TMBHO staff about whether the Trueblood grant could pay for additional psych ARNP hours in the jail to serve class members.



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	<p>2. The Trueblood case is a class-action lawsuit against the state on behalf of “class members” (i.e., inmates who are not competent to stand trial due to mental health disorders) who have been languishing in jail instead of accessing needed mental health treatment services. The state’s Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has been paying fines due to non-compliance with the court order to serve class members more quickly. Those fines have added up, and a portion of the funding is being paid out as grants to local entities that will enable class members to receive mental health services (i.e., competency evaluations and competency restoration services) more quickly. Evaluations are happening more quickly than in the past, but it still takes too much time for Western State Hospital to admit class members for competency restorations.</p> <p>3. The TMBHO has been awarded a \$1.5 million, 18-month grant from the state to purchase services that will help identify and serve class members in Thurston and Mason Counties. With some of that funding, the TMBHO will pay for three Masters-level clinicians (e.g., counselors, therapists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, etc.) to work in the Thurston County jail. They will see at least 60 class members per year. Jail staff estimate that there are 42 class members currently incarcerated in the Thurston County jail, many of whom are new inmates from counties north of Thurston County. They will identify class members and help them receive needed services such as: enrolling them in treatment in the community, getting them into safe and stable housing, have peer counselors help them get signed up for public benefits (e.g., SSI or SSDI). TMBHO staff during this meeting had not seen the contract and could not speak to any outcome or performance measures required for reporting purposes, though they knew of some internal, clinical data that will be collected.</p>	



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The Thurston County jail is short on staff, and the available hours for their mental health staff are very limited. TST will be paying for correctional deputy time (about 4 hours per day) to provide the Trueblood-funded staff with access to inmates who are class members. Community providers and peers will help inmates as they re-enter the community, where they will return to receiving Medicaid-funded treatment. 5. The TST-funded Inmate Housing Case Manager has helped lots of inmates in the Chemical Dependency Program, because those inmates have an anticipated release date, making it easier to set up housing than it is for individuals with uncertain release dates. 6. The TMBHO is still in the hiring process, and they plan to implement the services by 1 March 2018. They are working with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (PAO) and Thurston County Public Defense (TCPD) to plan for implementation. 7. About one-third of Western State Hospital’s beds are “offline” – meaning they are unable to use because of insufficient staffing. They are only able to admit two forensic patients per week, resulting in long waiting lists that take months for a patient to be admitted. They cannot hire enough psychiatrists. 8. The TMBHO has been successful at hiring clinical staff (many of whom have been from Pierce County) because of their ability to provide state benefits; however, the worker shortage means that other organizations have even fewer staff. 9. The two new mental health hospitals that will be built in Lacey by US Health Vest and Providence/Fairfax will bring about 200 new beds into the community. These beds will be filled by many patients from other counties, but patients tend to stay in the community in which they are hospitalized (as has been the case in Pierce 	



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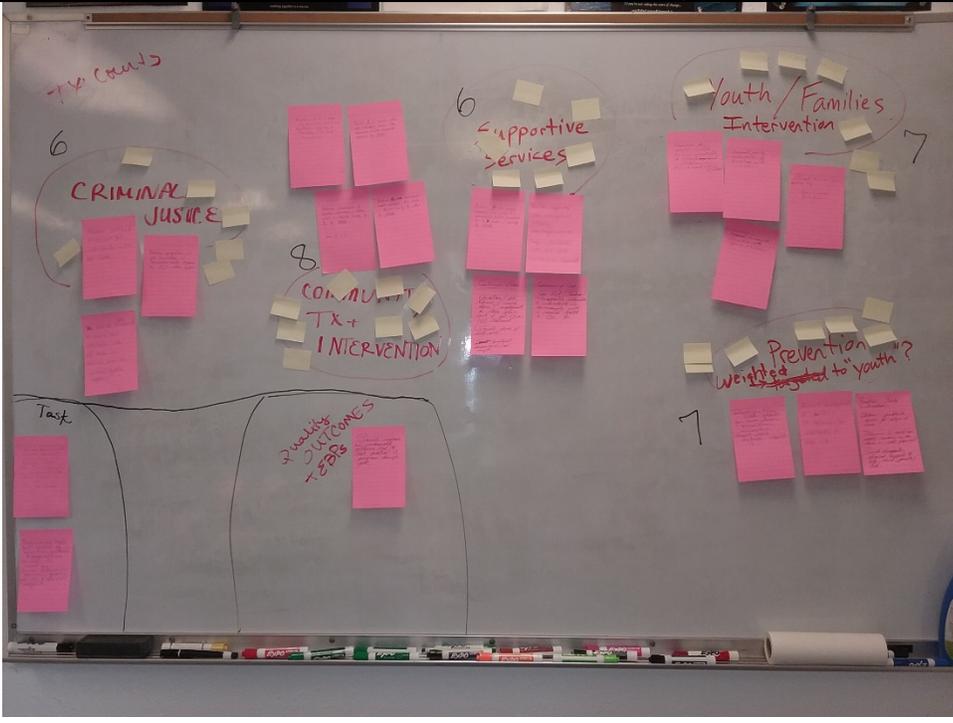
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	<p>County), which will likely increase the demand for behavioral health services in Thurston County.</p> <p>10. Neither the TMBHO nor the jail staff currently know what the need for additional TST funding will be after this Trueblood grant-funded program is implemented in March 2018. There is a psych ARNP in the jail that is paid for 16 hours per week, which will likely have an increased workload. However, there is a question about whether the grant will be able to pay for it.</p> <p>11. Because timelines related to transferring individuals to Western State Hospital are not improving very quickly, the fines associated with Trueblood will likely continue to accrue. This means that the 18-month grant may be extended or renewed.</p>	
Update on Sequential Intercept Mapping process	<p>12. TST staff are working with the TMBHO to convene a community-wide process of mapping out what is working and what is not along the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM), detailed on a handout provided to the TST Advisory Committee members. The kick-off meeting for the process was held on January 19.</p> <p>13. The TST Advisory Committee had a discussion about Designated Mental Health Professionals (DMHPs) moving into the TMBHO, mobile crisis response teams, and both the history and results of deinstitutionalization.</p>	(None)
Introductions & Agenda Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and Approve Minutes: November 17, 2017 - Advisory Committee member recruitment process 	<p>14. TST Advisory Committee members reviewed the minutes from their meeting held on 17 November 2017.</p> <p>15. There was some discussion about how, out of an annual Thurston County budget of about \$300 million, only about \$6 million came from the federal government.</p> <p>16. There are two TST Advisory Committee member vacancies and two others with terms set to expire in March 2018. TST staff and two members of the TST Advisory Committee reviewed four applications for membership on the committee, of</p>	<p>b) The TST Advisory Committee approved the minutes for the meeting held on 17 November 2017.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scheduling meetings for remainder of 2018 	<p>which it appears there are three highly qualified individuals. The Board of County Commissioners will decide whom to appoint.</p> <p>17. TST staff explained the intention to continue scheduling TST Advisory Committee meetings on the third Friday of each month, and acknowledged the possible need for extra meetings in late summer in connection with the budget process and/or changes to meeting dates based on schedules of new Advisory Committee members.</p>	
<p>Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Priorities for TST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible addition of prevention to TST legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What possibilities or questions does this raise? - Upcoming BOCC Briefing- Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Activity: Goal Setting 	<p>18. TST staff will have a briefing with the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday, 1 February 2018, from 3pm to 4pm, to discuss their priorities for the use of the TST fund.</p> <p>19. The Board is strongly supporting passage of House Bill 2799 – 2017-18, which would change RCW 82.14.460 to make eligible the expenses associated with programs and services designed to prevent mental health or substance use disorders. Because some legislators interpret the existing statute differently, and because this is a short session, it is unclear how likely the bill is to pass. If the bill does pass, the Board does not currently know how much TST funding it wants to move toward prevention programs and services.</p> <p>20. TST Advisory Committee members asked questions about alternative ways to pay for prevention, such as increasing the TST rate from 1% to 2%. The Accountable Communities of Health might have funding for prevention. The group also discussed subjects such as “risk-focused prevention”, the increased need for mental health staff in public schools, and moving to a pay-for-outcome model.</p> <p>21. The group engaged in a prioritization exercise as a practice for the TST staff briefing of the Board, as shown in the picture below:</p>	

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<p>TST Community Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates on 2017-2018 grants - Planning for 2018-2019 grants 	<p>22. TST staff shared a brief, one-page summary of the 2017-2018 TST grant recipients' status, per the most recent (draft) quarterly reports. There was a discussion about the possibility of seeing a more specific breakdown between the expected and actual performance of the programs.</p>	<p>c) TST staff will produce materials showing the grant recipients' progress toward specific performance goals in their targets and share that information with the TST Advisory Committee</p>

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