

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2024

Date	Time	Location	Preparer of Minutes
9/20/24	8:30 am – 11:30 am	PHSS Conference Room 107B & ZOOM	Joel Brehmer

Attendance			
Committee Members		PHSS Staff	Others
Present Ali Abid Bob Jones Priscilla Terry Rachel Dreon Garrett Cady Jennifer Creighton Diana Cockrell	Absent Tonia McClanahan	Chelyn Sowers Joel Brehmer	Frankie Peters

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome & Introductions	The meeting was called to order, and the August 16, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.
TST Advisory Committee By-Laws Discussion	The Committee reviewed and discussed updates to the By-Laws document, including adjustments to terminology, recruitment, and meeting guidelines. The By-Laws were approved unanimously, pending final review by the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC).
Landscape Analysis Work Session (Purpose, Objectives, Methodology)	The Committee reviewed the draft Landscape Analysis document; discussed potential updates and inclusions (e.g., traumatic brain injury services, definition of a referral, assessing care coordination). The Committee made the following suggestions: • Partner with the Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (TMBH-ASO) for input on defining providers and service modalities (i.e. in person or virtual). • Collaborate with student interns for assistance with data collection, analysis, and project improvements. • Form a workgroup to evaluate progress of the Landscape Analysis.

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October 2024 Therapeutic Court Presentations Discussion	The Behavioral Health Fund Program Manager, Chelyn Sowers, provided a brief overview of the October 2024 Therapeutic Court Program Presentations schedule. Program staff requested assistance from the Committee to ensure each presentation remains within their allotted time.
District Court Budget Requests	Thurston County District Court Executive Officer, Frankie Peters, presented on Mental Health & Veterans Court's midterm budget requests. Discussion and question topics included the following: • District Court is requesting approximately \$95,000 in TST to fund TST-eligible duties (e.g. Therapeutic Court dockets) completed by the Mental Health & Veteran's Court Judge and Clerk. • District Court is also requesting approximately \$53,000 in TST to fund reclassifications of the Mental Health & Veterans Court Program Manager and Care Coordinators positions to reflect the higher level of experience and education required for these positions. • Some Committee members raised concerns over using TST funds for maintenance level positions and expressed the need to consider alternatives such as Public Safety Tax and grant funding. The Committee voted to recommended approving District Courts budget proposals and it passed unanimously.
Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee	There were no public comments.
Wrap Up & Adjourn	Behavioral Health Fund Program Manager, Chelyn Sowers, provided a few general program updates. Discussion topics and questions included the following: • Considering the Thurston County Racial Equity Program Manager's resignation, program staff will collaborate with Thurston County Public Health & Social Services' (PHSS) Racial Equity Committee to continue progress on the 2024-2025 Strategic Plan objectives relating to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. • Program staff are supporting the PHSS Nurse Family Partnership program in applying for a \$1 million grant, using a portion of their current TST budget as matching funds. • The Thurston County Court Alternative Program (TC-CAP) plans to begin a 10-person pilot starting in November 2024. The program will not expend their \$50,000 TST allocation for the pilot.



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	The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Next Meeting:

October 18, 2024

8:30 am-11:30 am

Public Health & Social Services Building (Lilly Road) in Conference Room 107B and/or by ZOOM