



THURSTON COUNTY
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RSN Mental Health Advisory Board of Thurston/Mason County

Chair:	Sue Chaplin
Vice-Chair:	Lloyd Peterson
Terms of Office:	3 years
Term Limits:	2 terms
No. of Members:	9 minimum; 15 maximum
Meetings:	4th Monday, 5:30 p.m.
Staff Contact:	Lois Kim, PHSS, 786-5832, KimL@co.thurston.wa.us

Board Duties: Review and evaluate the needs, facilities, services, and special mental health problems of Thurston and Mason Counties. Advise the County Commissioners as to a program of community services that reflects the fullest and most feasible utilization of already existing services. Establish priorities on the basis of community needs and recommend the allocation of available county and state funds to meet those needs. Review applications for financial support and make funding decisions according to the priorities and allocations approved by the County Commissioners.

Qualifications of Board members: Members shall be appointed on the basis of their ability to give guidance and direction to the legal, fiscal and program aspects of the respective program activities within Thurston and Mason Counties. No person(s) either receiving funds by contract or employed by an organization in receipt of funds subject to the advice of the respective board may be appointed to that Board.

Who Appoints: Members are appointed by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners for Mason and Thurston Counties appoint citizens that reside in their respective counties through the recommendation of the Advisory Board. Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Board may request and obtain application forms and information from Thurston/Mason RSN (Regional Support Network) staff.

Vacancies filled by: Thurston and Mason County Commissioners

Removal is by: The County Commissioners may remove an Advisory Board member for good cause. The Advisory Board may recommend the removal of a member by a majority vote.

Authority: RCW 71.24

Compensation: Members may not be compensated for the performance of their duties but may be paid subsistence and mileage.