


Treatment Sales Tax



**PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION
JUNE – DECEMBER 2009**

Goals of RCW 82.14.360

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- Reduce negative impacts of mental health and substance abuse on children and families
 - Avoid building more jails and prisons and prevent crime victims
 - Reduce public assistance expenditures and unemployment
 - Reduce homelessness
 - Reduce physical health care and emergency room visits
 - Improve recovery and quality of life for people with chemical dependency and/or mental health disorders.

What Thurston County does now



- **Mental Health Court, DUI Court, Drug Court, Family Court, Dependency Court and Youth Drug Court, saving \$3-7 in incarceration/court costs for every \$1 spent**
- **Provide in-custody treatment services for offenders assessed to have chemical dependency/mental illness**
- **Train Sheriff deputies on Crisis Intervention techniques for addressing persons with mental illness**
- **Provide chemical dependency treatment services for adults and youth**
- **Provide evidence based programs for highest risk juvenile offenders**

What Thurston County does now



- Provide evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs like Nurse-Family Partnership for high risk families
- Increase pre-trial and post-trial services including an effective inmate re-entry program
- Provide a pre-charge diversion program for people charged with Driving With License Suspended (1st or 2nd time)
- Provide re-entry job development services for released offenders through Pac Mountain Work Source
- Conduct pre-trial risk assessments

Gap in Services



- Lack of consistent evidence based early intervention services for families throughout the County
- Lack of mental health services for children except for most seriously mentally ill children whose families are on Medicaid
- Lack of ongoing funding for medications and management for mentally ill offenders in jail
- State funding reductions for evidence-based therapies for juveniles, for mental illness treatment and chemical dependency services
- Lack of secure facilities, treatment and aftercare for offenders with co-occurring disorders
- Lack of continuum of care in services for veterans charged with crimes who also have chemical dependency/mental illness issues
- Lack of coordination/case management for Family Court/Dependency Court/Youth Drug Court

In the middle of the TST implementation planning process...



- **Thurston County is forced to reduce its 2009 General Fund budget by \$5.7M and TST planning shifts focus from gaps in continuum of care to preserving systems**



Process for recommendations for Treatment Sales Tax Funding 2009



- **Thurston County staff from TCSO, PAO, OAC, Corrections, Public Health, Family & Juvenile Services, Superior Court, District Court and Pre-Trial Services inventoried services and identified gaps**
- **As necessary budget reductions became apparent, staff identified key system components which must be retained to address needs of chemically dependent or mentally ill offenders and reduce jail bed days**
- **Staff went through prioritization exercise to determine services that MUST be maintained AND which fit criteria of RCW 82.14.360 AND which would not create supplantation issues**
- **Recommendations were reviewed and approved by members of Treatment Sales Tax Community Review Committee**

Recommendations

Priority Ranking By Staff*	Program	Program Description	Budget \$	FTE's Funded	Running Total
N/A	Authorized Bridge Funding	January-June 2009 Bridge Funding for Pre-Trial Services, Jail Programs, Drug Court Expansion and TST Administration	\$ 430,000		\$ 430,000
N/A	TST Administration	Treatment Sales Tax Administration and Evaluation	\$ 75,000		\$ 505,000
1	Jail Mental Health Services	Mental Health staff who complete diagnosis, counseling, crisis stabilization, diversion, release plans and transition case management	\$ 165,000	4.25	\$ 670,000
2	Mental Health Court**	Jail diversion for selected individuals with mental illness through alternative court processes	\$ 82,450	2	\$ 752,450
3	CDP Treatment – Jail	Intensive outpatient treatment (in-custody) and includes Basic Education, GED & Employment Training, DV Services	\$ 352,463	3	\$ 1,104,913
4	Multi-Systemic Therapy	Evidence-based, intensive treatment that effectively decreases rates of clinical problems (CD, MH) and criminal behaviors in our highest-risk adolescents	\$ 96,704	3.75	\$ 1,201,617
5	Drug Court-Administration**	Jail diversion for selected individuals with chemical dependency issues	\$ 90,212	2	\$ 1,291,829
6	Chemical Dependency / Mental Health Re-Entry Services-Jail	Identification and referrals for chemical dependency or mental health services for offenders transitioning to community/Options program	\$ 59,253	1	\$ 1,351,082
7	Family Dependency/Youth Drug/Family Drug Court Coordinator (.5 FTE)	Expansion of court-supervised diversion services for families with chemical dependency or mental health issues	\$ 21,115	0.5	\$ 1,372,197
8	Attorneys/Staff for Therapeutic Courts**	Prosecution and defense for all therapeutic courts	\$ 213,646	4	\$ 1,585,843
9	Pre-Trial Services**	Needs Assessment for all misdemeanor and felony offenders	\$ 108,720	3	\$ 1,694,563
10	Nurse Family Partnership (Co. Gen Fund \$)	Home visitation and case management services to at-risk first time mothers under the age of 20 and their infants	\$ 108,525	2	\$ 1,803,088
11	Crisis Intervention Training (TCSD)	Training for law enforcement and correction staff to increase effectiveness in crisis interventions with the mentally ill	\$ 5,834		\$ 1,808,922
12	Drug Court-Expansion	Match dollars for foundation grant to expand capacity	\$ 26,800		\$ 1,835,722

*Reflects ranking by a majority of Thurston County Staff working on the Treatment Sales Tax Plan

**Reflects 7 month funding due to anticipated budget cuts effective June 1, 2009

(For Mental Health Court, Drug Court-Administration, Attorneys/Staff for Therapeutic Courts and Pre-Trial Services)

Strategic Planning



- Process used to date started out in strategic planning mode but has become reactive due to looming budget reductions
- Sales tax planning process has led to interdisciplinary conversations and some solutions with more to come
- Staff work group recommends looking at systems and individual/family needs for 2010-2016 with strategic planning process during the summer, 2009

Next Steps



- **Develop separate accounting reports for Treatment Sales Tax to ensure fiscal accountability**
- **Develop evaluation plan to ensure achievement of projected outcomes**
- **Re-constitute strategic planning process once all budget reductions are known**

