



Thurston- Mason Behavioral Health Organization Work Session Summary


Date of Work Session:	September 9, 2016
Time:	9:02am
Office/Department:	TMBHO Governing Board
Subject:	TMBHO Agenda Setting meeting
Staff Contact/Author:	Name/Title: Sherri Nehl Phone: 360-786-5414
Attendees:	<p>Commissioners Present: Bud Blake, Terri Jeffreys, Cathy Wolfe</p> <p>BHO Administrator: Mark Freedman COO: Joe Avalos</p> <p>Other Staff: Tom Stuebner, PHSS; Ramiro Chavez, Vickie Larkin, Sherri Nehl, Robin Campbell, Thurston County Commissioner's Office</p>
Discussion Points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed the September 15 TMBHO Governing Board meeting. There are no agenda items at this time. The Board unanimously agreed to cancel the September 15 TMBHO Governing Board meeting. • The Board discussed the September 30 Budget Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The meeting will be held in Mason County. The Board directed staff to confirm room location. ○ The Board would like to invite the following to participate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robin Campbell, Thurston County Budget Manager ▪ Joy Miller, Thurston County PHSS Budget ▪ Frank Pinter, Mason County Budget ○ Items to be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spend down plan of the reserve ▪ PLR's for any new request ▪ 5 year plan follow up ▪ Legislative priorities • The Board discussed the Triage Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Freedman reported that the work group continues to meet to go over details to make the Triage Center successful. This has been exciting because everyone is coming together with the same goal: PAO, BHO provider, TC Public Defender. This has been a positive experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A discussion item that has come up has been getting a complete arrest record. The group will need to work with law enforcement agencies to discuss the importance of complete documentation. The arrest record is what will be used by the PAO for diversion. ○ Mark Freedman reported that discussions with Superior Court to provide a Court Commissioner for the Triage Center have stalled. The Board discussed options to resolve the impasse. The Board agreed to the following conditions:

- The TMBHO is able and willing to fund 1.0 FTE Court Commissioner, provided that it is dedicated to mental health cases.
- If a Court Commissioner cannot be agreed upon with Superior Court, the Triage Center will temporarily open as voluntary only. No involuntary clients will be admitted without a hearing
- If a Court Commissioner is not available at the Triage, clients may be transported to the E&T for a hearing.
- The TMBHO Board will send a letter to the Thurston County Superior Court addressing the concerns of not providing a Court Commissioner and state the statutory obligations.
- Robin Campbell reported on a conversation with the Thurston County Bond Counsel. There is a question regarding the current arrangement of Telecare, a for-profit entity, operating within the Triage Center, a bond funded, government building, and the tax-exempt impact that could have. The matter is being researched thoroughly and Robin will report any results of those conversations.
- Mark Freedman reported that the grant application submitted for Mason County E&T had been approved.
 - \$986,641.42 grant was awarded. The architect feels that the build out can be accomplished with that amount.
 - Next step is to purchase the building and to hire a project manager.
 - Mark requested approval to purchase time from Thurston County Central Services for assistance to develop the initial RFP steps.
 - The Board discussed the need for a project manager throughout the process. Commissioner Blake requested that person also act as "owner's representative".
- Staff Reports:
 - Joe Avalos reported that Mason County Community Youth Services is holding an open house on September 22.
 - Joe Avalos reported that American Behavioral Health Services was also a recipient of the Department of Commerce Grant. They will be remodeling their facility in Lewis County to add detox services. This could be an option for beds later this year.
 - Joe Avalos reported that Telecare won funding to do another E&T in Tacoma.
 - Mark Freedman reported that Telecare was staffed and ready to go for the Triage Center.
 - Commissioner Blake inquired about the role of the Mobile Crisis Team in relation to the Triage Center, E&T, and ICM's.
 - Delayed Community Care Center opening. Result is Telecare bumping up services and bringing medical care services to ICM. Think they can expand services to the community, reduce time delay.
 - Website is ready to go live today. TMBHO.org will be live, old site will shut down. Website designed to make sure people can go on to site and find a provider and more about TMBHO governance. It's also required to have client rights and grievance procedure. There is contact information and a director's corner for updates. Can add anything else we want to. Providers would like to post a hub for improvement.
 - Who is managing website? Currently sub-contracting out. Still determining roles for posting.

- o Joe Avalos reported that a new Care Manager was brought on last month. This position brought function of Western State Hospital Liaison to the TMBHO, managing our beds, discharge, and waitlist. Always subcontracted. Brought in-house. One of first BHO's to do that. Has highlighted several issues with providers and Western State. Starting to identify issues we were not receiving before. The result is much better client care. The board requested that she come to a Board meeting in the future.
- o Mark Freedman reported that a number of Interlocals that still need to be finished up, including ASO. Possible 5-7 Interlocals will be brought in October.
- o Tom Stuebner informed the Board that for the September 30 Budget Work Session, Joy Miller is not available due to mandatory training. The Board agreed to meet on October 7 from 1:30-5:00 in Mason County.
- o Commissioner Blake requested to have continued discussions with the Advisory Board. Mark requested a timeline to meet either before the end of the year, or after the new year due to elections and possible new board members. Commissioner Blake advised to meet before the end of the year, provide comments on how they felt the year went and looking forward.
- o October meeting has been rescheduled to October 19. There will be no agenda setting meeting. The Board requested 30 minutes be dedicated at the end of the October 7 budget work session to agenda setting.

I certify this is a true and correct copy of the original document maintained in the Office of the Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization.

ATTEST:



Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the Board

Date: 10/19/16

