

RESOLUTION 103-2013

**ESTABLISHING THE MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND THERAPEUTIC COURT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM**

WHEREAS, mental health, chemical dependency and therapeutic court treatment programs and services have been shown effective in helping people recover from behavioral health illness, thereby reducing human and financial costs to society, and increasing the productivity of individuals as members of our community; and

WHEREAS, such services are known to prevent and reduce costly and unnecessary involvement with criminal justice and court system, emergency medical care, shelters, and crisis services, and promote recovery for persons with disabling mental illness and chemical dependency by implementing a full continuum of treatment, including outpatient treatment, housing, and case management services; and

WHEREAS, the public mental health system, funded by state and federal dollars, does not have adequate resources to provide outpatient treatment to non-Medicaid eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, decreased availability of less costly behavioral health out-patient services rapidly results in use of emergent and far more expensive crisis services, where these increasingly scarce dollars must be used to treat people in costly inpatient units and hospitals, an unnecessary toll in both human suffering and financial burden; and

WHEREAS, current and forecasted funding does not provide the needed funds to establish and/or maintain therapeutic court programs shown to reduce crime, recidivism and support recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted in 2005, Chapter 504 (E2SSB 5763) authorizing counties to fix and impose a sales and use tax in the amount of one-tenth of one percent (1/10%) to provide new or expanded mental health or chemical dependency treatment programs and services that include but are not limited to treatment services, case management, and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or services, and to provide for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs; and

WHEREAS, 20 of 39 counties in Washington State have enacted E2SSB 5763, in order to promote recovery for persons with disabling mental illness and chemical dependency; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap County is considering the enactment of a similar sales tax beginning in 2014; and

WHEREAS, with such enactment, the Board of Commissioners would seek strategic use of revenues collected from this sales tax to further specific services and activities guided by a Behavioral Health Needs Analysis or similar plan(s); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners encourages the involvement of citizens with specific expertise through citizens advisory committees to inform their decisions regarding service provision and funding; and

WHEREAS, the issues of mental health, chemical dependency and therapeutic court are topics in need of such involvement to recommend the strategic and targeted application of potential new revenue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court Citizens Advisory Committee and Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Team are established with the following purpose, roles and responsibilities, membership and schedule.

PURPOSE

To help prevent and reduce the impacts of disabling chemical dependency and mental illness by creating and investing in effective, data driven programs for a continuum of recovery-oriented systems of care, the purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise the Board of Commissioners on systemic mental health, substance abuse and therapeutic court issues.
- Review strategic plans which identify regional needs and guide near-term actions to address such needs.
- Assess proposals for targeted funding to address the needs outlined in the strategic plans.
- Develop and measure specific performance measures to ensure funding is meeting proposed goals and those of Kitsap's strategic plans.

These efforts are intended to achieve meaningful outcomes to the mental health, chemical dependency and therapeutic court systems. Such outcomes include:

- Improve the health status and wellbeing of Kitsap County residents.
- Divert chemically dependent and mentally ill youth and adults from initial or further criminal justice system involvement.
- Reduce the number of people in Kitsap County who recycle through our criminal justice systems, including jails and prisons.
- Reduce the number of people in Kitsap County who use costly interventions including hospitals, emergency rooms, and crisis services.
- Increase the number of stable housing options for chemically dependent and mentally ill residents of Kitsap County.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

The Citizen Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners. Committee's specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Review the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Teams needs assessment, goals, objectives and strategies aimed to meet the behavioral health needs of the community.
- Review applications for funding based on the Board of Commissioners' strategic direction and priorities and criteria for distribution. Upon assessment of the applications, the committee will

recommend to the Board of Commissioners the appropriate proposals and funding levels to meet the County's behavioral health service needs.

- Annually review performance measures to determine the success of funded proposals and achievement of County behavioral health goals.
- Submit an annual report to the Board of Commissioners that lists programs funded, amounts allocated and expended, number of individuals served and performance measures along with recommended program and/or process changes based on the measurement and evaluation data.
- Review the Behavioral Health Strategic Plan every three years, in coordination with the Request for Proposal process, to assess the overall progress towards achieving Kitsap County's behavioral health goals.
- Reconvene the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Team every six years to update the Behavioral Health Strategic Plan.
- Ensure that the implementation and evaluation of the strategies and programs funded by the Treatment Sales Tax are transparent, accountable and collaborative.

The citizen advisory committee will be comprised of 11 members:

- One (1) from the Peninsula Regional Support Network Advisory Board
- One (1) from the Kitsap County Substance Abuse Advisory Board
- One (1) from the Commission on Children and Youth
- One (1) from the Area Agency on Aging
- One (1) from Law and Justice
- One (1) from Education
- Five (5) At-Large representing a broad spectrum of community members whose background and expertise will enhance the function and effectiveness of the Advisory Committee in fulfilling their responsibilities

To ensure continuity, the initial committee will be made up of three members appointed for one-year terms; four members will serve two year terms and four members, three-year terms. Subsequent applicants will be appointed to three year terms.

No advisory member shall engage in any activity, including participation in the selection, award, or administration of a sub-grant or contract supported by the Treatment Sales Tax funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, exists. Such a conflict would arise when: 1) the individual, 2) any member of the individual's immediate family, 3) the individual's partner, or 4) an organization which employs, or is about to employ, any of the above, has a financial or other interest in the firm or organization selected for award.

At minimum, the committee shall meet monthly with meetings or specific sub-committees meeting more often as needed. Meetings shall begin in August 2013.

Within the first 60 days, the Committee shall establish by-laws and elect a Chair to facilitate meetings. The Committee shall receive additional subject matter input from the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Team described below. Administrative support including crafting agendas, preparing materials and forwarding recommendations will be the responsibility of the Kitsap County Human Services Department.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM ROLES AND MEMBERSHIP

The Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Team consists of subject matter experts responsible to research existing local data for behavioral health service needs, existing capacities, gaps in service, and community readiness to address the needs and gaps. The Team will create strategic plans including a Behavioral Health Needs Assessment with goals, objectives, and strategies aimed at meeting the behavioral health needs of the Kitsap community. They will make recommendations to the Citizens Advisory Committee for implementing chemical dependency, mental health and therapeutic court treatment services. The team will also provide the Citizens Advisory Committee with technical expertise and education on the continuum of care for treating chemical dependency and mental health in Kitsap County.

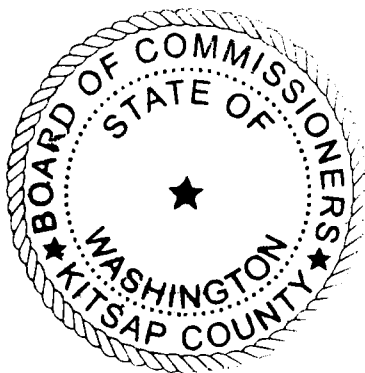
Membership on the Planning Team will be recommended by the Human Services Department and approved by the Board of Commissioners upon resolution approval, and thereafter any changes to membership may be proposed at the beginning of each calendar year. All members are at-large, selected from the applicable subject matter experts including, but not limited to:

- Chemical dependency and mental health treatment
- Law enforcement
- Housing
- Medical and emergency services
- Public health
- Education
- Therapeutic courts
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

There is no required size for the Planning Team or a limit on the number of members serving at any one time.

The Kitsap County Human Services Director and the Human Service Department will facilitate the team and provide administrative staff support.

Adopted this 8th day of July, 2013.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON



JOSH BROWN, Chair

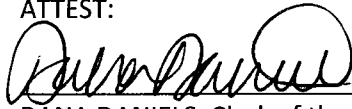


CHARLOTTE GARRIDO, Commissioner



ROBERT GELDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:



DANA DANIELS, Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 139 -2013

APPOINTMENTS TO THE KITSAP COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY and THERAPEUTIC COURT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, RCW 82.14.460 states a county legislative authority may authorize, fix, and impose a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent to be used solely for the purpose of providing new or expanded mental health or chemical dependency treatment programs and services that include but are not limited to treatment services, case management, and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or services, and to provide for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs; and

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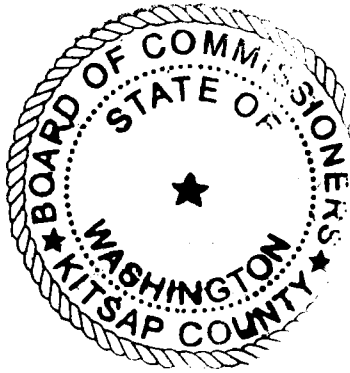
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WHEREAS, Kitsap County Resolution 103-2013 established a Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court Citizens Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners;

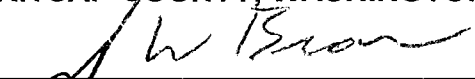
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following members are appointed to the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court Citizens Advisory Committee:

Name	Representing	Term
Lois Hoell	Peninsula Regional Support Network	3 Year
Jeannie Screws	KC Substance Abuse Advisory Board	3 Year
Aimee DeVaughn	Commission on Children and Youth	3 Year
Connie Wurm	Area Agency on Aging	3 Year
Dave Shurick	Law and Justice	1 Year
Walt Bigby	Education	1 Year
Carl Olson	At Large Member District 2	2 Year
James Pond	At Large Member District 3	2 Year
Robert Parker	At Large Member District 2	2 Year
Russell Hartman	At Large Member District 3	2 Year
Richard Daniels	At Large Member District 1	1 Year

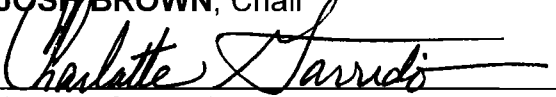
Adopted this 23rd day of September 2013:



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



JOSH BROWN, Chair



CHARLOTTE GARRIDO, Commissioner



ROBERT GELDER, Commissioner

Attest:



DANA DANIELS, Clerk of the Board