

2015 GRANT SUMMARY PAGE

MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, AND THERAPEUTIC COURTS RFP
KITSAP COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Proposal Title: Adult Drug Court Expansion Grant

Please Check One New Grant Application Continuation Grant Application

Proposal Summary:

The Kitsap County Superior Court is requesting continuing grant funding in order to (1) sustain last year's expansion of 150 participants (former capacity for 100); (2) continue to support the expansion of treatment services including mental health screening, assessment, and counseling for our participants; (3) continue to have appropriate behavioral compliance tools; and (4) maintain the Drug Court Case Management system for more robust data collection and evaluation.

Requested Funds Amount: \$ 505,912

Matching/In-kind Funds Amount: \$231,811 County GF Investment, including judicial time
Kitsap County Superior Court

Agency or Organizational Name

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City State Zip

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Non-Profit Status: 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code? Yes No

Federal Tax ID Number: 91-6001348

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Signature

Title

Date

[Handwritten Signature] Treatment Court Manager 3-25-15

**Kitsap County Superior Court
Adult Drug Court Expansion Continuation Grant
Project Narrative**

The 2014 Kitsap County Behavioral Health Strategic Plan identified the lack of sufficient Outpatient Care, Medical and Medication Management, Counseling Services (Gap #3) as one of the local gaps in services for individuals with mental illness and substance abuse disorders in the adult criminal justice system. To address this gap, the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Team recommended the expansion of mental health and substance abuse outreach, assessment, intervention, referral and treatment in existing adult therapeutic courts. In this proposal, the Superior Court requests sufficient funding to address this need by (1) adding mental health screening, diagnoses and treatment services to its, otherwise, successful adult drug court program; and, (2) increasing the number of individuals who can receive these services to a service level that meets the community's demonstrated demand.

The Adult Drug Court program is presently a collaborative approach to address criminal defendants challenged with substance abuse and to holistically restore these individuals so that they may more fully contribute to the community. Because the drug court combines the criminal justice system with clinical treatment, the program relies heavily upon the collaboration of multiple agencies. These include the Superior Court, the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office, the local Office of Public Defense, the Kitsap Recovery Center (KRC), Cascade Recovery Services, and the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. This proposal seeks to draw much-needed mental health services through Kitsap Mental Health Services (KMHS) in order to expand the opportunity for comprehensive recovery services for drug court participants.

Through the grant received from the Kitsap County Mental Health, Chemical Dependency & Therapeutic Court Programs, the Kitsap County Superior Court Adult Drug Court has been afforded the opportunity to expand in size while enhancing a number of ancillary services.

Project Goals

The purpose of this project, as outlined in the 2014 grant application, is to increase, by 50, the number of treatment slots for criminal defendants who require substance abuse and/or mental health treatment through the delivery of expanded services; and, to augment a time-tested therapeutic court program with resources, primarily mental health services, that further address the local service gaps outlined in the 2015 Behavioral Health Strategic Action Plan. An additional goal is to develop a more robust data collection and evaluation effort that will effectively measure the performance of the Adult Drug Court.

Objective 1. Eliminate the pretreatment or “waitlist” group

Currently, the Adult Drug Court has an enrollment of **121** participants, with **38** on the Pre-Treatment wait list.

Two additional Chemical Dependency Professional (CDP) positions funded through the RFP in 2014 remain unfilled due to lack of qualified candidates to interview. Doug Washburn, Kitsap County Human Services Director, consulted with the Treatment Court Manager, Samantha Lyons, about where to post the employment opportunities to obtain the best selection of candidates. Both the University of Washington (UW) and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Job Bank were recommended by Ms. Lyons. Once the two additional CDP’s are employed, the Adult Drug Court will have the ability to eliminate the pre-treatment wait list, enrolling our participants directly into Drug Court. KRC will continue to post for the positions.

By partnering with the existing County treatment agency, (Kitsap Recovery Center), the adult drug court will continue to provide comprehensive local substance abuse treatment to County residents.

Objective 2. Hire two (2) full time Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP’s) to meet the needs of the increase in participant capacity.

There are four (4) CDP drug court counselors employed at KRC. Two additional CDP positions funded through the 2014 sales tax grant award remain unfilled due to lack of qualified candidates to interview, as noted above. KRC plans to continue recruiting to fill these positions until qualified candidates are identified and hired.

By partnering with the existing County treatment agency, Kitsap Recovery Center, the adult drug court continues to provide comprehensive local substance abuse treatment to County residents. Adult Drug Court, KRC, and Human Services leaders welcome any suggestions that will assist in expanding the recruitment search for qualified CDP candidates.

Objective 3. Hire a part time (.50 FTE) Treatment Aide to facilitate observed urinalysis testing at KRC for the additional 50 drug court participants.

This 2014 grant-funded position was filled November 25, 2014, effectively meeting this objective. However, it has become clear that the program would significantly benefit if this position was increased to a full time (1.0 FTE) Aide position, as 20 hours per week has proved to be insufficient to have all 150 participants observed. Many participants work and cannot come in the mornings for testing, when the Aide is present. As a result, some testing is taking place unobserved, leading to tampering of testing results. In order

to implement Best Practices, a full time Treatment Aide is requested to support drug court urinalysis testing.

By partnering with the existing County treatment agency, Kitsap Recovery Center, the adult drug court will continue to provide comprehensive local substance abuse treatment to County residents.

Objective 4. Hire a full-time Compliance Specialist to meet with the increased number of participants.

Ms. Riveka Crooms was hired October 13, 2014 to serve as the third Superior Court Adult Drug Court Compliance Specialist, effectively achieving the 2014 sales tax grant objective. Funding is requested in this continuation grant application to sustain the position for an additional year.

Objective 5. Hire a full-time Administrative Specialist to support the work of the Adult Drug Court team, Judge, Treatment Court Manager; and to assist the Court develop and support a more robust data management system (DCCM) to improve outcome measures and reports.

Ms. Julie McGill began employment as the new Administrative Specialist in the Adult Drug Court on October 15, 2014. This position is essential for the successful implementation of the DCCM application, and continuation funding is requested in this application to sustain it for an additional year.

Objective 6. Partner with KMHS to hire a Mental Health Specialist to be deployed to work full-time with the adult drug court.

Ashley Mitchusson began her employment with KMHS on December 3, 2014. Ms. Mitchusson acts as a liaison between the Adult Drug Court and KMHS, linking participants with appropriate services at KMHS. When the 2014 grant application was written, full funding for this position was requested (\$96,138). However, it was subsequently learned that, because we were fully-funding this position, Ms. Mitchusson's duties have been limited to solely linking participants to services at KMHS. In order for Ms. Mitchusson to provide individual therapy to the drug court participants directly, KMHS is obligated to provide 25% of the funding (\$25,160) so that she may perform the work of an RSN. Because KMHS's budget will not be resolved until mid-June 2015, this application, again, requests full-funding for the position, with the hope that 25% of the funds will be unspent, allowing the KMHS Mental Health Specialist to provide direct therapy to the drug court participants.

The Adult Drug Court has referred 37 (33%) participants to Ms. Mitchusson since January 2015. We anticipate this number will increase to match the national average,

which indicates that 60% of all Americans with substance use disorders also suffer concurrently from a mental health issue.

Note: Progress on outcomes is difficult to measure at the time of the writing of this grant. Specific measurements of success cannot be assessed until an 18 month cycle (length of drug court) has been completed. Performance measures to be reported include: Percentage of successful graduates with co-occurring disorders, successful phase progression of participants with co-occurring disorders, termination rates and graduations.

Our contract with KMHS represents a new "innovation" to the adult drug court, and by partnering with KMHS, the adult drug court continues to leverage existing County services in order to enhance our program.

Objective 7. Implement a standardized mental health screening tool to utilize with the drug court participants.

KMHS has chosen the DLAY 20 as the screening tool to utilize with the drug court participants. It evaluates 20 dimensions of everyday living and offers initial treatment recommendations. This objective has been met.

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Objective 8. Implement a data management system to track and manage data outcomes.

The Court is committed to analyzing the outcomes set-forth above using a fully-implemented and user-friendly Drug Court Case Management database that provides timely and accurate participant reports. This outcome is intended to collect data and ensure that it is timely entered in the database so it is available to share among the Adult Drug Court team. A critical step in achieving this outcome will be to develop data entry standards and a data collection plan that governs the task performance of the grant-funded administrative assistant position. For instance, "timely" as defined in the data entry plan may be defined as "within 48 hours of triggering event or status."

After months of waiting for the development of a standardized Kitsap County HIPPA business agreement, the DCCM contract has been approved by the Civil Division of the prosecutor's office, and the Superior Court has issued a purchase order for the purpose of procuring access to this web-based application. Pertinent members of the Adult Drug Court team will be trained on the DCCM in collaboration with the Juvenile Division in April 2015.

By partnering with the Juvenile Division, we were able to eliminate duplicate costs associated with training and technical assistance.

Objective 9. As part of the drug court expansion, offer Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to any participant who qualifies.

The Superior Court identified a County treatment provider, Dr. Ahmet Kahn, (Silverdale) in order to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to qualifying adult drug court participants. In February 2015, Dr. Kahn consolidated his practices into one location in Puyallup. We are working with our Vivitrol representative, Karey Cummings, to find another doctor, pharmacy, and/or nurse practitioner who is willing to treat and administer the monthly intramuscular shot. We currently have 6 participants utilizing MAT.

In an attempt to partner with KMHS, Dr. Hoffert (Medical Director) has been in close communication with the Treatment Court Manager to find a resolution to the lack of providers in the County. After a series of meetings at KMHS it was decided they do want to incorporate MAT into their chemical dependency services. A task force will be formed to develop the strategy for implementing MAT at KMHS. However, this is a long-term plan, and KMHS does not wish to commit to working with the drug court on this issue until they develop their own internal policies and procedures.

Objective 10. Use Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Meter (SCRAM)

One objective of the 2014 grant was to have SCRAM alcohol detection bracelets deployed among participants who most need them. This strategy included a data tracking plan to determine the effect of this more immediate compliance device. The goal for using these bracelets is to (1) identify relapses and/or non-compliant behavior while participants are in the community; and, (2) assess the extent to which introduction of these bracelets on a wider basis effectively deters behavior among the entire Drug Court population.

While the bracelets have not been in wide use until April 2015, the drug court team has learned of a significant use issue with participants in earlier phases of treatment, as they are not being tested regularly for alcohol. A "random SCRAM" program will be implemented, randomly placing the bracelet on participants to get a better understanding of the scale and scope of the problem.

Proposed Budget

The proposed budget is broken into two parts – one for funding to support the Superior Court, and one that provides funding to non-Court agencies, as follows:

Superior Court Direct Support

Continued funding (**\$63,217**) is requested for a full-time Compliance Specialist position to meet with the increased number of participants. The amount requested is only for the additional position, and is incorporated under **Managers and Staff** and **Fringe Benefits** in Attachment B.

Continued funding for an Administrative Assistant position (**\$61,639**) is requested to support the work of the Adult Court team, judge and treatment court manager; and, to help the Court develop and support a more robust data collection system to improve outcome measures and reports. (**Managers and Staff** and **Fringe Benefits**).

Continued funding for SCRAM alcohol bracelets (**\$6,300**) will impose more stringent compliance measures on drug court participants who struggle with alcohol while working towards recovery. The amount requested will supply 15 bracelets at \$14/day for 30 days. (**Maintenance Contracts**).

Continued funding for a data management application (**\$5,250**) will provide the Adult Drug Court team with the tools necessary to capture participant data, manage case information, and monitor intervening and final outcome measurements through standardized reporting. The system will facilitate the sharing of information among team members. (**Other**).

Continued funding for office supplies (**\$5,000**) is requested to fund graduation refreshments, coins, shirts, and other incidentals which have historically been funded personally by the Adult Drug Court judge. (**Other**).

New funding for computer equipment to support the implementation of the DCCM. (**\$9,375**) includes 5 combination lap top/tablet computers for members of the Drug Court Team to be able to access the DCCM live during court hearings. (**Equipment**).

New funding (**\$9,000**) for six (6) drug court team members to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' Annual training conference in Anaheim, California in June 2016. (**Other**).

Non-Court

Continued funding (\$123,986) is requested for two chemical dependency professionals at Kitsap Recovery Services to provide substance abuse treatment services for the increase of 50 participants in the drug court population. The number of positions requested is based on a 25-to-1 ratio of treatment court participants to chemical dependency counselors. This amount is incorporated under **Managers and Staff** and **Fringe Benefits** in Attachment B.

Continued funding for the cost of UA testing (\$78,390) is intended to cover the costs for the additional 50 participants who will submit to random UA's in the Drug Court program. The requested amount is based on the current rate of testing, as follows: \$10.05 per test x 3 tests per week x 52 weeks per year x 50 more participants. (**Other**).

Continued funding for mental health services (\$96,138) through Kitsap Mental Health are intended to provide screening, diagnoses and treatment, where appropriate, for the expanded Adult Drug Court population. The estimated cost included in this grant is based on Master's level mental health professional recruitments over the last thirty days. (**Maintenance Contracts**). Also, the Court requests \$4,500 in mileage/transportation costs to reimburse the mental health professional for weekly travel between KMHS and the County Courthouse. (**Travel/Training/Transportation**).

Modified funding for a 1.0 FTE Treatment Aide (\$41,917) is intended to facilitate observed urinalysis testing at Kitsap Recovery Services for the additional 50 participants contemplated in this proposal. (**Managers and Staff** and **Fringe Benefits**).

New funding for a Nurse Practitioner (\$1,200) to inject monthly those participants who are receiving Medication Assisted Treatment (Vivitrol). 1 hour per month at the rate of \$100/hour = \$1,200/year. (**Maintenance Contracts**).

Sustainability

This proposal sets-forth a plan to increase the Adult Drug Court maximum capacity to 150 participants, with the intent of eliminating a "waitlist" and incorporating mental health screening and treatment services that have, thus far, not been available. It is anticipated the Kitsap County Commissioners will either (1) sustain funding through the County General Fund, or (2) sustain funding for an extended period using Mental Health, Chemical Dependency Therapeutic Court funds once this strategy is proven. A decline in funding will require the Court to either reduce its overall service capacity or significantly curtail the breadth of services envisioned in this proposal.

As one sustainability strategy that was strongly encouraged by the Citizen Advisory Committee in 2014, Adult Drug Court leaders have started exploring the availability of Medicaid (ACA) funding to offset or underwrite continued substance abuse and/or mental health treatment services for drug court participants. This exploration has included ongoing consultation with the Kitsap County Human Services Department, through which this funding is made available. However, this funding stream has yet to stabilize in order for the Court and Human Services leaders to fully understand how it may offset ongoing program costs in the near future. It is anticipated that greater clarity may be achieved in 2016 when the State's appropriation of Medicaid and other treatment funds transitions to a new method.

Total Agency Budget Form

ATTACHMENT B

Agency Name: Kitsap County Superior Court

Project: Adult Drug Court Expansion

Accrual Cash

AGENCY REVENUE AND EXPENSES	2013 Actuals Column 1	2014 Actuals Column 2	2015 Budget Column 3
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AGENCY REVENUE

Federal Revenue	\$112,245.00	\$189,190.00	\$270,829.00
WA State Revenue	\$21,558.00	\$16,073.00	\$21,413.00
Local Revenue	\$115,078.00	\$151,266.00	\$249,811.00
Private Funding Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agency Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$16,140.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total Agency Revenue (A)	\$265,021.00	\$357,029.00	\$542,053.00

AGENCY EXPENSES

Personnel			
Managers	\$901,765.00	\$921,803.00	\$949,251.00
Staff	\$764,385.00	\$807,602.00	\$882,811.00
Total Benefits	\$359,887.00	\$378,979.00	\$422,048.00
Subtotal	\$2,026,037.00	\$2,108,384.00	\$2,254,110.00
Supplies/Equipment			
Equipment	\$62,511.00	\$21,796.00	\$3,600.00
Office Supplies	\$14,011.00	\$23,709.00	\$19,700.00
Other (Describe)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$76,522.00	\$45,505.00	\$23,300.00
Administration			
Advertising/Marketing	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
Audit/Accounting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communication	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance/Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage/Printing	\$4,210.00	\$9,205.00	\$6,500.00
Training/Travel/Transportation	\$35,638.00	\$31,391.00	\$35,590.00
% Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$39,848.00	\$40,771.00	\$42,090.00
Ongoing Operations and Maintenance			
Janitorial Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maintenance Contracts	\$217,337.00	\$172,464.00	\$334,807.00
Maintenance of Existing Landscaping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Repair of Equipment and Property	\$14,327.00	\$3,470.00	\$4,000.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe)	\$2,649.00	\$3,308.00	\$3,132.00
Other (Describe)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$234,313.00	\$179,242.00	\$341,939.00
Other Costs			
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe) <u>Interfund Charges</u>	\$155,732.00	\$179,197.00	\$348,139.00
Subtotal	\$155,732.00	\$179,197.00	\$348,139.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$2,532,452.00	\$2,553,099.00	\$3,009,578.00

NOTE: If an expenditure line item is larger than 10% of the budget, include an attachment showing detail.

Special Project Budget Form

Agency Name: Kitsap County Superior Court

Project: Adult Drug Court Expansion

Enter the estimated costs associated with your project/program	Total	Requested Funds	Other Funds
Personnel			
Managers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff	\$199,970.00	\$199,970.00	\$0.00
Total Benefits	\$90,789.00	\$90,789.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$290,759.00	\$290,759.00	\$0.00
Supplies & Equipment			
Equipment	\$9,375.00	\$9,375.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$14,375.00	\$14,375.00	\$0.00
Administration			
Advertising/Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Audit/Accounting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communication	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance/Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Postage/Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training/Travel/Transportation	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00
% Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00
Ongoing Operations & Maintenance			
Janitorial Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maintenance Contracts	\$103,638.00	\$103,638.00	\$0.00
Maintenance of Existing Landscaping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Repair of Equipment and Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilites	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe): DCCM Annual contract	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe): UA Testing	\$78,390.00	\$78,390.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$187,278.00	\$187,278.00	\$0.00
Other			
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe):	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET	\$505,912.00	\$505,912.00	\$0.00

Project Salary Summary

Description	
Number of Professional FTEs	3.00
Number of Clerical FTEs	1.00
Number of All Other FTEs	1.00
Total Number of FTEs	5.00
Salary Information	
Salary of Executive Director or CEO	\$0.00
Salaries of Professional Staff	\$130,890.00
Salaries of Clerical Staff	\$42,978.00
Other Salaries (Describe Below)	\$0.00
Description: P/T Treatment Aide	\$26,102.00
Description:	\$0.00
Description:	\$0.00
Total Salaries	\$199,970.00
Total Payroll Taxes	\$15,299.00
Total Cost of Benefits	\$57,070.00
Total Cost of Retirement	\$18,420.00
Total Payroll Costs	\$290,759.00



Kitsap Recovery Center

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March 23, 2015

Kitsap County Citizens Advisory Board
C/O Kitsap County Human Services
614 Division Street MS-23
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Re: Letter of Commitment to provide Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court Programs

Dear Citizens Advisory Committee:

I am writing to express my support and commitment for the Kitsap County Superior Court grant application to provide Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and/or Therapeutic Court Programs.

Kitsap Recovery Center is the largest provider of chemical dependency treatment services in the County and we provide an array of services. As you are aware, that includes detox, triage, emergency housing, intensive inpatient treatment and involuntary treatment. We are committed to this population and recognize the need for treatment and support. We also know the impact that Drug Court has had on the community.

Kitsap Recovery Center is committed to continuing its support of the Adult Drug Court Program. We support this program by providing individual assessment and treatment planning, one-on-one counseling and peer intervention, support group facilitation, substance testing and service referral.

We believe our support and commitment will significantly improve the availability of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and/or Therapeutic Court Program services in the County and we look forward to working with you on this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,


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March 23, 2015

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**Re: Letter of Commitment to provide Mental Health, Chemical
Dependency and Therapeutic Court Programs**

Dear Citizens Advisory Committee:

I am writing to express my support and commitment for the Kitsap County Superior Court Services grant application to provide Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and/or Therapeutic Court Programs.

Administered by the Kitsap County Superior Court pursuant to RCW 13.04.035, Kitsap County Superior Court Services operates the Adult Drug Court, designated to intervene in criminal behaviors that result from substance abuse and co-occurring mental illnesses. Kitsap County Superior Court Treatment Court Services is proposing the services of a KMHS affiliated behavioral health therapist to provide assessment and treatment for adults involved in the Adult Drug Court program.

Kitsap Mental Health Services will commit the following resources to the proposal submitted by Kitsap County Superior Court:

- 1 FTE Master's Level Therapist devoted to project

Kitsap Mental Health Services will provide a 1 FTE Master's Level Therapist who will be responsible for mental health assessment and treatment of adults participating in the Adult Drug Court. The therapist will be a member of a team that includes a judge, prosecutor, defense attorneys, treatment court coordinator, probation counselors, and chemical dependency professionals working collectively to redirect and restore the lives of adult participants and to reduce the likelihood of their involvement in the justice system.

We believe our support and commitment will significantly improve the availability of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and/or Therapeutic Court Program services in the County and we look forward to working with you on this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,



Joe Roszak
Chief Executive Officer

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March 19, 2015

Kitsap County Citizens Advisory Board
c/o Kitsap County Human Services
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Re: Letter of Commitment to provide Mental Health, Chemical Dependency
and Therapeutic Court Programs

Dear Citizens Advisory Committee:

I wish to advise you of our agency's support and continued commitment for grant applications which provide mental health, chemical dependency and/or therapeutic court programs to the citizens of Kitsap County who participate in the "Drug Court" program.

The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office has supported and provided resources to Drug Court programs and we will continue to commit resources to the proposals being submitted to you for consideration. Our Community Resources Officer will continue to attend drug court meetings, and assist in the home visits and supervision of participants.

Our participation is just one of the many organizations needed to successfully utilize all of the necessary players to make these programs become effective for our communities and participating clients. With a collective participation by many, behavioral health service providers can work together to help solve complex social problems such as mental illness and chemical dependency.

I believe, we believe, that our support and on-going commitment will significantly improve the availability of mental health, chemical dependency and/or therapeutic court programs and services in the county.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Simpson".

Gary Simpson
Kitsap County Sheriff





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March 23, 2015

Kitsap County Citizens Advisory Board
C/O Kitsap County Human Services
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Dear Advisory Board:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Kitsap County Public Defenders' Office to express our continued support of the Kitsap County Drug Court program. I have been involved with the Kitsap County Drug Court since my arrival in Kitsap County in August, 2009. I had never been associated with a Drug Court prior to my relocation to Kitsap County, and had no appreciation of how successful such a program could be.

Prior to my relocation, it was a rarity for a client to discontinue their drug usage. The recidivism rate was incredibly high. I was more than impressed at how many Drug Court graduates never came back into the criminal justice system. In fact, I found it hard to believe. This Drug Court has been the most effective program at battling addiction for defendants that I have been associated with.

I was very much in favor of the expansion of Drug Court, as well as the additional mental health services as a result of the tax earmarked for mental health, and will continue to support this program.

If there are any funding deficiencies pertaining to public defense portion of Drug Court, I will authorize any funding that is necessary to continue this program.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarke W. Tibbits".

Clarke W. Tibbits
Supervisor
Kitsap County Public Defenders' Office



Tina R. Robinson
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To Whom it May Concern—

I am writing to you today to express my continued support for therapeutic courts in Kitsap County. Prior to being elected I worked very closely with defendants who suffered from addiction and mental illness. For many of them, the only reason they had encounters with criminal justice system was because of their addiction or illness. Over the years I was privileged to see many of my clients successfully complete drug court and become productive members of our community.

I strongly believe that as a community we can work together to reduce the number of repeat offenders of crime. One of the avenues to do this is through our therapeutic courts. These courts are not easy "get out of jail free" courts, but courts that really hold offenders accountable and truly assist them in helping themselves. Without this option, crime will continue to grow in our communities and the revolving door to our jails and prisons will only revolve more.

Thank you for considering this request to continue to fund our therapeutic courts in Kitsap County.

Sincerely yours,

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