



## Whatcom County Criminal Justice Treatment Account Panel Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time/Location: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 11:00am-12:00pm, Hybrid – Zoom & In-Person at 1500 N State St, Suite 210

CJTA Panel Members Present: Caleb Erickson, Hannah Fisk, Starck Follis, Stephanie Kraft & Tom Wynne

CJTA Panel Members Absent: Eric Richey & Julie Grendon

Whatcom Co. Health Dept. Staff/Guests: Rachel McGarrity & Riley Myers

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Roll Call</b>	Riley Myers – Roll call. A quorum is present. Meeting called to order.
<b>2. Public Comment</b>	Riley Myers – No public comment.
<b>3. Purpose of the Meeting</b>	Hannah Fisk – Last year the HCA asked us to go to an annual process, but then switched back to doing it bi-annually. We had already submitted an annual plan, so we’re meeting again to submit a plan for the second year.
<b>4. Review Background of CJTA &amp; Updates</b>	Hannah Fisk – Looking at the proposed CJTA plan (see attachment) all funding allocations are the same as last year.
<b>5. Panel Discussion &amp; Recommendations</b>	Caleb Erickson – For the subcontract for care coordination and SUD assessments, does the contract go through 2026 or 2027.



Hannah Fisk – It’s a one-year contract that can be renewed annually up to four cycles. Not sure where they’re at, but can check into that. They follow the CJTA, so new contracts start in July.

Starck Follis – How solid are the connections (stability) with Lifeline Connections?

Hannah Fisk – Haven’t heard anything other than the change in contract with the jail. Can reach out and get back with more information.

Stephanie Kraft – How many people are being served under the care coordination and SUD assessment contract right now?

Hannah Fisk – From July to December it looks like there were 18 recovery court clients served. The total number of adults who received SUD assessments was 62. The total number of juvenile SUD assessments was seven.

Caleb Erickson – Looking at the \$10k treatment dollars, there was a men’s residential treatment program we’ve discussed before. Can those funds be used for that?

Hannah Fisk – The program used to be funded through CJTA dollars, but there were changes to the way we allocate dollars, and it the money has to go directly to treatment, not administration.

Caleb Erickson – Heard of situations where people get out of jail, and go to the Anne Deacon Center for Hope for a day or two, and the go to other services once Medicaid is turned back on. Is there a gap there that can be addressed with the treatment dollars?

Hannah Fisk – Can reach out to some of the facilities that can’t take people because of no Medicaid and see if that’s something that they could entertain if we’re able to offset the cost.

Starck Follis – Motion to approve the CJTA plan as presented.

Caleb Erickson – Seconded.



	<i>Motion Approved – Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0</i>
<b>6. Adjournment</b>	Hannah Fisk – Meeting adjourned.
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>TBD</b>

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