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HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)

ABOUT US

MISSION

The mission of the Human Services Department is to provide essential services that address individual and community needs, preserve the rights and dignity of those they serve, and promote the health and well-being of all Kitsap County residents.

DHS consists of 12 special revenue fund divisions that operate under the Board of County Commissioners to provide vital individual and community support services to over 30,000 members of the Kitsap Community.

Additionally, DHS is responsible for oversight and coordination 439 grants, contracts, and amendments, 2 multi-county regional executive boards and 10 community advisory boards, commissions, and councils with a total of 158 members.

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EMPLOYEES

HUMAN Services proudly serves the Kitsap County community with the 119 dedicated professionals.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Doug Washburn, Director
- Sonya Miles, Deputy Director
- Sarah Barnett, Financial Manager
- Kesha Anderson-Evans, Office Manager

Program Management

- Heidi Scheibner - Developmental Disabilities
- Jolene Kron - Salish Behavioral Health
- Hannah Shockley – 1/10th Behavioral Health, Therapeutic Courts
- Joel Warren – 1/10th Affordable Housing
- William Basler – Pre-Trial Release
- Laura Hyde – Youth & Prevention Services
- Stacey Smith – Aging and Long-Term Care
- Bonnie Tufts – Community Development Block Grants
- Carl Borg – Housing and Homelessness
- Marche Ward – Kitsap Recovery Center
- William Dowling – Olympic Workforce Development
- Steve Corcoran - Veterans

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DIVISIONS

1. **Aging & Long-term Care:** Promotes the well-being and independence of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers.
2. **Community Development Block Grant:** Support agencies, non-profits, and governments in addressing the needs of low-income and special needs households.
3. **Salish Behavioral Health** - Provides behavioral health crisis services, including mental health and substance use disorder services, for residents of Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties.
4. **Workforce Development Employment & Training:** In conjunction with local businesses, training and education providers, and industry leaders, we strive to support an inclusive and diverse workforce.
5. **Housing & Homelessness** - Supports a crisis response system in which the experience of homelessness is rare, brief and one-time. Our funding comes from federal, state and local sources.

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DIVISIONS

6. **Veterans Assistance:** Support for local Veterans and their families in need.
7. **Developmental Disabilities** – Assists infants, children and adults who experience a developmental disability and their families to lead full, integrated, active and productive lives in Kitsap County.
8. **Substance Abuse Prevention & Youth Services:** Prevention resources and services for youth, their families, schools, and communities.
9. **Pretrial Services** - Works with individuals facing criminal prosecution to connect defendants to services and programs that will promote positive lifestyle changes to break the cycle of incarceration.
10. **1/10th of 1% Sales Tax for Mental Health/Chemical Dependency** - Provides funding for the delivery of mental health, substance abuse and therapeutic court programs and services.
11. **1/10th of 1% Sales Tax for Affordable Housing** - Supports low-income families and households in need of supportive housing, shelter, and behavioral health services in Kitsap County.
12. **Kitsap Recovery Center:** A state-approved inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment center utilizing the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) treatment criteria.

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GOALS



1. **Kitsap Recovery Center** - Determine feasibility of relocating Kitsap Recovery Center to new location to include; Scope, objectives, regulatory and legal review, needs assessment, financial feasibility (capital and operational), site selection analysis, stakeholder engagement, and risk assessment to present to BOCC.
2. **Veterans Program** - Establish .5 FTE Veteran Service Officer in Kitsap County to assist veterans file original claims for compensation, pension, and other benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. **Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization** – Implementation of Opiate spending plan and Request for Proposals with data and public meeting input gathered in 2025.
4. **Aging & Long-Term Care** - Establish staffing and protocols for May 2026 launch of the new WA Cares Program while continuing to expand local provider network for beneficiary assistance.

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GOALS

5. **Developmental Disabilities** - Complete a 5-year Developmental Disabilities (DD) County Plan in partnership with the DD Advisory Board and input from providers and community and increase program participation by 20% by streamlining county processes and partnering with all five (5) Kitsap County school districts for early engagement.
6. **Community Development Block Grant & Community Investments in Affordable Housing** Implement the 2026 Action Plan and Policy Plans through managing current projects and awarded projects through 2026 RFP. This plan will work to develop more housing units and provide needed services to the community.
7. **Mental Health Chemical Dependency Therapeutic Court Program** – Update the 6-year Behavioral Health Strategic Plan to begin 2027 and finalize Green Belt Project with IT to bring the reporting portal for contractors in-house.

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GOALS

8. **Substance Abuse Prevention & Youth Services Division** - Expand prevention education in the schools through increased presentations, resource sharing, and event participation and increase community awareness about research proven strategies to prevent youth substance abuse using in-person, digital, and print media.
9. **Pretrial Services** – Collaborate with District Court to develop their pretrial services programing and support the growth of Kitsap Counties reentry community to ensure that justice involved individuals can reenter our community as smoothly and safely as possible.
10. **Housing and Homelessness** – Completion and implementation of new Crisis Response and Housing Plan as required by Washington State Department of Commerce. Partner with City of Bremerton and Community Partners to complete new shelter facility within Bremerton.

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Housing and Homelessness

- Opening of 75 bed Pacific Building for Families, Women, Men, Children and Pets.
- Holding

Coordinated Grant – Block Grant, CIAH, MHCDTC

- Capital: 24 new units of PSH online and provided 27 households with down-payment assistance to purchase a home, and 17 homeowners with rehabilitation work so, they could remain in their homes.
- MHCDTC: Funded the rehabilitation of an affordable housing unit for mother's and their children who are at-risk of homelessness and engaged in a substance use treatment program.
- Onboarded a new epidemiologist from Sound Within, to work directly with contractors to refine data collection processes.



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Salish Behavioral Health-Administrative Services Organization

- Expansion of naloxone distribution program to support access across the region
- Expanded Salish Youth Network Collaborative to increase supports to youth and families
- Increased ability to track data across programs and funds

Developmental Disabilities

- Renegotiated new Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) School to Work contract that will decrease the County's risk and increase funding by more than 50%.
- 82% of clients receiving supported employment services are currently employed, resulting in approximately 218 people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities actively contributing as tax-paying citizens in Kitsap County



Salish Behavioral Health
Administrative Services Organization



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Aging & Longterm Care

- Secured on-going state funding to address older adults food insecurity (\$467,000); subcontracted to local food banks, Meals on Wheels Kitsap and Port Gamble Tribal Elders program.
- Secured on-going funding for Care Transitions services to assist older adults discharging from local hospital to prevent avoidable future hospital admission through brief care coordination services.

Substance Abuse Prevention & Youth Services

- Successfully implemented the Kitsap Youth Opioid Prevention Program.
- Coordinated 5 Hidden in Plain Sight events, on in each school district.
- Staff training at 4 school districts
- Prevention signage throughout the county on billboards, vehicle wraps, and in theaters.



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Workforce Development

- Established Business Services support funding to provide grants to small businesses and non-profits
- Expanded our outreach efforts creating multiple On-the-Job Trainings (OJTs) and Work Experiences (WEXs) resulting in several individuals transitioning into full-time employment with their host employers
- Obtained Economic Security for All grant funds and implemented program to assist people to rise above poverty

Pretrial Services

- Bail Studies completed for 700 defendants
- Sent thousands of Court Day Reminders significantly reducing missed court appearances



Veterans Services

- Partnered with Olympic College to establish Veteran's Resource Center on campus to provide a place for all veterans to receive information resources about their veteran benefits and apply for access to the VAF



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BUDGET SUMMARY

Net elimination from supplies/ services budget line items	(\$) 40,257 Professional Services
Position elimination from a reclass/reorganization, FTE reduction	(\$) 0
New revenue or increased revenues as a result of a specific management action	\$ 0
Total fiscal impact	(\$) 40,257

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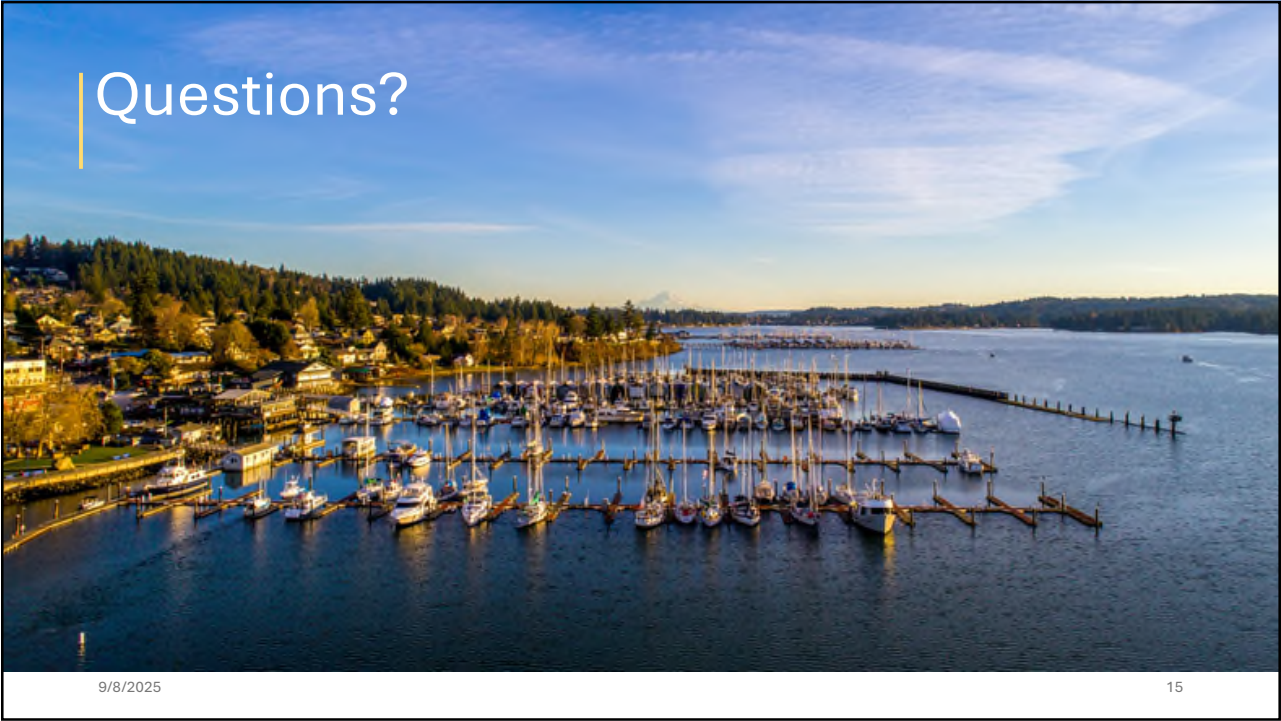
BUDGET SUMMARY – Special Revenue Funds

Net elimination/change from supplies/services budget line items	\$ 242,216 – MH/CD/TC Sales Tax Funds
Position elimination from a reclass/reorganization, FTE reduction	(\$) 0
New revenue or increased revenues as a result of a specific management action	\$ 0
Total fiscal impact	\$ 242,216 - Projected Use of Fund Balance

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THANK YOU!



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