

Accomplishments to Date

What progress has been made towards meeting your approved project goals, objectives and outcomes in your original grant application?

In 2014, Juvenile Services requested funding for 1.25 FTE Chemical Dependency Professionals. The proposal was made to replace lost funding for the Kitsap Adolescent Recovery Services (KARS) program due to the implementation of the Affordable Health Care Act. A temporary fix was made to our program for the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Funds from the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court sales tax have been utilized since January 1, 2015.

The goal of Juvenile Services in our 2014 grant application was to increase law abiding behavior and long-term abstinence from alcohol and other drugs by: 1) continuing the use of evidence and research-based programs found to decrease substance abuse among juvenile justice involved youth; 2) continuing behavioral health prevention, outreach, assessment, intervention, referral and treatment within the juvenile justice system; and, 3) continuing drug and alcohol treatment services for both juvenile therapeutic courts, including assessment, urinalysis monitoring, inpatient referral assistance, individual and group treatment, multifamily and family education groups, and aftercare services.

The KARS program has continued using two evidence-based treatment models: The Matrix Model for Teens and Young Adults and the Change Companies Interactive Journaling.

The Matrix Model is an intensive outpatient treatment approach for substance abuse and dependency that uses research-based techniques, including motivational interviewing, cognitive-behavioral interventions and contingency management (use of incentives). The overall goals are: 1) abstain from alcohol or other drug use; 2) understand addiction and relapse; 3) learn relapse prevention skills; and, 4) develop prosocial behaviors.

Interactive Journaling is a structured and experiential writing process that motivates and guides participants toward positive life change. It is a goal-directed, client-centered model that aims to reduce substance use and substance-related behaviors, such as recidivism, by directing youth with substance use disorders through a process of self-reflection.

The KARS program is one of only two outpatient drug and alcohol treatment programs for juveniles in Kitsap County. The program is integral to the continuum of services available to youth under the jurisdiction of the Kitsap County Juvenile Court. KARS counselors are housed at the Juvenile Department, allowing greater access to the juvenile court, probation counselors, therapeutic court team members and the juvenile detention facility. Drug Court team members and program youth benefit from the presence of a KARS counselor at pre-court meetings and hearings. Group and

individual treatment continue uninterrupted for youth who are sanctioned to detention for non-compliance with therapeutic court program requirements. Four treatment sites are located throughout the county, providing clients easier access to treatment. Bus tokens are given to youth to assist with transportation to and from treatment sessions in the community.

Since July 2014, KARS has provided outpatient treatment services to 109 juvenile justice involved youth with diagnosed substance use disorders. Between July 1, 2014 and February 28, 2015, there were forty-nine new admissions to the KARS program for outpatient treatment services: nine from Juvenile Drug Court (JDC); five from Individualized Treatment Court (ITC); thirty-three from regular probation services; and two youth under juvenile court jurisdiction on At-Risk Youth (ARY) petitions.

KARS currently serves fifty-nine youth in outpatient treatment (as of 2/28/15). Thirty-six youth are on traditional probation and two are At-Risk youth. KARS is the primary treatment provider for youth in JDC, with fifteen drug court youth currently in treatment. An increasing number of youth have been referred to KARS from ITC, with five current ITC youth involved in outpatient treatment with KARS. The ITC probation counselor has recently begun attending weekly KARS staffings to share information regarding the progress of ITC youth in the program. KARS counselors will soon begin attending ITC pre-court meetings and hearings.

With the addition of a mental health therapist in August 2014, youth involved in the JDC and ITC programs with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders now benefit from an enhanced team approach through collaboration of the dedicated mental health therapist and KARS counselors. Currently, six of fifteen youth (40%) in JDC and three of nine ITC youth (33%) are receiving services from both in-house treatment programs: mental health and chemical dependency.

In addition to outpatient services, KARS provides referral services for youth in need of inpatient treatment, assisting families by providing guidance and support for the placement of youth in inpatient treatment programs. Seventeen inpatient treatment referrals were made by KARS counselors in January and February 2015. Ten of the youth referred have been placed in inpatient programs. Two are awaiting placement in late March 2015.

Retention Rates: In 2011, the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) created retention standards for Washington State certified outpatient treatment programs. The minimum standard is sixty-five percent. Current data (November 2014 through February 28, 2015) is not yet available from DBHR. KARS retention rates increased from July to October 2014: July (82%), August (82%), September (86%) and October 2014 (88%).

Recidivism Rates: Between January 1, 2015 and February 28, 2015, five youth completed drug and alcohol treatment with KARS. During the same time period two

youth completed probation and are no longer in treatment with KARS. None of these youth have been convicted of a new offense since leaving the program.

Compliance with Outpatient Treatment Requirements: In January 2015, twenty-six youth were found by the court to have violated a court order for non-compliance with treatment requirements; specifically, positive urinalysis tests and failure to attend treatment sessions. There was a fifty-eight percent reduction in violations for non-compliance with treatment requirements in February 2015, with only eleven youth being found in non-compliance during that month.

Fifty-six youth participated in outpatient treatment with KARS in January 2015. Thirty-five were in compliance with treatment requirements (as measured by the absence of violations found by the court). In February, fifty-nine youth were being served by KARS. Forty-four youth were in compliance with treatment requirements; a twenty-five percent increase in treatment compliance from January.

Twenty-eight youth had no violations for non-compliance with treatment requirements in January and February.

Describe any difficulties/problems encountered in achieving planned goals and objectives including barriers to accomplishment and actions taken to overcome difficulties.

KARS has not encountered problems in achieving planned goals and objectives.

Describe how this project has been integrated with other programs in the community with the same goals and objectives. What kind of Collective Impact has been achieved?

Kitsap Public Health District: Youth serving sanctions in detention pending placement in inpatient treatment are allowed by the court to enter treatment in lieu of detention when a placement becomes available. In these situations, KARS counselors coordinate with Kitsap Public Health District medical staff in the juvenile detention facility to conduct physical examinations and TB tests (requirements for admission in inpatient treatment), expediting placement of detained youth in needed drug and alcohol treatment.

Olympic Educational Services District (OESD) 114: In October 2014, a meeting was held between Juvenile Services and OESD 114 to discuss the referral of youth to OESD's Behavioral Health Counselors Enhancement Project (BHCEP), a program approved for funding through the Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court sales tax initiative to enhance the educational advocate program. Since then, seven KARS clients have been referred to a Student Assistance Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS) at their school for continued recovery support and academic improvement efforts. This partnership has the potential to support a more robust continuum of care for juvenile justice involved youth by potentially providing ongoing support services during and after involvement in treatment while under the

jurisdiction of the juvenile court. The goal is to reduce factors closely associated with risk to re-offend, including low levels of performance and involvement in school, and problems with alcohol and/or other drugs.

Summarize key program accomplishments to date. Utilizing your evaluation results, draw conclusions about the success of the project and its impact in the community.

KARS intervenes in the lives of the highest risk youth in our community, offering services to prevent the progression of substance abuse and other antisocial behavior into adulthood. Data collected in January and February 2015 show significant reductions in non-compliance with outpatient treatment requirements. This is evidenced by the reduction of violations found by the court for positive urinalysis tests and lack of participation in treatment by juvenile justice involved youth. Youth who completed treatment with KARS in January and February 2015 have not been convicted of new offenses. At this time, however, it is premature to accurately determine recidivism of youth who have participated in the program, which is usually associated with a timeline of 18 months.

Budget Narrative

Actual budget expenditures for the previous budget period:

Our funding request for FY 2015 was only for six months; therefore, utilization of our funding award began in January. Through February we have invoiced for the following:

- Salary \$22,548.54
- Benefits \$9,407.14

We anticipate complete utilization of our award through June 30, 2015.

Delineate the funding need for the next budget period. Report on milestones anticipated with the new funding request.

Our current funding request is in the amount of \$200,176.00; this request is for the full fiscal year and includes the following items:

- Salary in the amount of \$141,959.00 for 2.64 FTE, including 1.0 FTE Chemical Dependency Supervisor and 1.64 Chemical Dependency Professionals.
- Benefits in the amount of \$58,217.00 for 2.64 FTE, including 1.0 FTE Chemical Dependency Supervisor and 1.64 Chemical Dependency Professionals.

KARS will continue to bill Medicaid for treatment services provided to qualified youth through March 2016. The current projection of revenue from Medicaid for July 2015 through March 2016 is \$40,492.00. KARS is also expecting revenue to come in from the Division of Behavioral Health Services for non-treatment outreach and intervention services through March 2016 in the amount of \$103,372.00. KARS continues to attend meetings with local treatment providers in the County regarding the future of chemical

dependency funding through the Peninsula Regional Support Network that is anticipated to take over the Medicaid and DBHR funding in April 2016. Unfortunately at this point in time it is not clear what effects this change will have on the KARS program.

Describe any significant changes to the proposed budget (Attachment C) for the next funding period resulting from modification of project activities.

Significant changes to this funding request as opposed to last year have to do with the fact that we are asking for a full year of funding for 2.64 staff. The increase is in the amount of \$109,686.00.

Sustainability

Describe how the project attempted to and successfully leveraged federal, state, local or private funds and/or in-kind resources during the last budget period. Specifically address your attempts and success in leveraging Federal Medicaid funds available through the Affordable Care Act.

The Department is billing for drug and alcohol treatment services for youth in Drug Court and ITC who qualify under Medicaid. A total of \$35,940.14 was recovered for chemical dependency services provided from July 2014 to February 2015.

Describe a preliminary plan for how the project will continue after year 2 or 3 (i.e. sustainability). Please describe any new funding sources identified to support the operations of the program in the future.

Providing therapeutic courts for the youth in Kitsap County is a priority of the Superior Court Bench. The funding to maintain the KARS program is seen as a necessary component for the success of our therapeutic courts. To date, the Kitsap County General Fund and state and federal drug and alcohol resources have provided the necessary funding for the KARS program to run at full capacity.

Certainly the KARS program would prefer a dedicated sustainable funding system without the fluctuations often associated with grants and federal programs. That being said, Juvenile Services will continue to pursue funding opportunities that exist to continue to provide the quality drug and alcohol treatment services needed by the youth of Kitsap County.

We are currently participating with stakeholders in the state to establish therapeutic courts as an evidence-based practice in Washington State. Through these efforts, if the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) designates therapeutic courts as an evidence-based or promising program, state funding may be available to cover the cost of drug and alcohol treatment of youth in therapeutic court programs. We continue to meet with the Peninsula Regional Support Network (PRSN) as it relates to Behavioral Health Organization development and will continue to attend meetings with local treatment providers to stay current with information regarding future funding.

Total Agency Budget Form

ATTACHMENT B

Agency Name: Kitsap County Juvenile Services

Project:

Kitsap Adolescent Recovery Services

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

Federal Revenue	\$137,352.23	\$110,538.73	\$122,500.00
WA State Revenue	\$967,192.01	\$1,008,550.70	\$976,621.00
Local Revenue	\$140,874.81	\$156,171.71	\$143,000.00
Private Funding Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Agency Revenue	\$81,013.23	\$65,510.96	\$58,251.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$727,655.64	\$841,655.65	\$1,148,450.00
Total Agency Revenue (A)	\$2,054,087.92	\$2,182,427.75	\$2,448,822.00

AGENCY EXPENSES

Personnel			
Managers	\$277,658.64	\$294,367.24	\$293,370.00
Staff	\$3,811,791.69	\$3,761,899.85	\$4,055,722.00
Total Benefits	\$1,575,836.08	\$1,595,218.06	\$1,751,615.00
Subtotal	\$5,665,286.41	\$5,651,485.15	\$6,100,707.00
Supplies/Equipment			
Equipment	\$10,550.87	\$23,314.86	\$11,216.00
Office Supplies	\$103,736.18	\$106,647.98	\$113,660.00
Fuel Consumed	\$17,771.55	\$13,756.65	\$22,398.00
Subtotal	\$132,058.60	\$143,719.49	\$147,274.00
Administration			
Advertising/Marketing	\$4,165.13	\$5,187.42	\$7,000.00
Audit/Accounting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communication	\$39,097.60	\$44,618.44	\$39,183.00
Insurance/Bonds	\$65,772.00	\$65,772.00	\$63,135.00
Postage/Printing	\$3,663.08	\$3,629.58	\$6,814.00
Training/Travel/Transportation	\$8,986.36	\$13,125.89	\$33,723.00
% Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$121,684.17	\$132,333.33	\$149,855.00
Ongoing Operations and Maintenance			
Janitorial Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maintenance Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Projects with Information Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,444.00
Repair of Equipment and Property	\$27,500.17	\$29,526.67	\$49,682.00
Utilities	\$147,393.95	\$142,064.78	\$178,955.00
Rental Leases of copiers and computer charges	\$186,206.31	\$162,111.32	\$178,624.00
Professional and Medical Service Contracts	\$545,522.53	\$669,737.72	\$734,522.00
Licences, food storage, program incentives	\$15,628.35	\$20,112.06	\$99,057.00
Subtotal	\$922,251.31	\$1,023,552.55	\$1,258,284.00
Other Costs			
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Describe)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES	\$6,841,280.49	\$6,951,090.52	\$7,656,120.00

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

Company	Business Unit	Object Account	Account Description	Cumulative 14 Actual 2013	Cumulative 14 Actual 2014	Cumulative 14 Budget 2015
Administration	9421	5101	REGULAR SALARIES	368,356.71	370,553.51	395,543.00
Administration	9421	5102	OVERTIME PAY	0.62	5.34	
Administration	9421	5103	LONGEVITY PAY	4,647.91	2,833.59	3,255.00
Administration	9421	5106	ANNUAL LEAVE PAYOUT	4,948.80	0.00	
Administration	9421	5201	INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE	5,551.69	5,839.26	7,441.00
Administration	9421	5202	SOCIAL SECURITY	27,445.05	27,273.69	30,511.00
Administration	9421	5203	PERS RETIREMENT	30,657.22	34,416.42	40,707.00
Administration	9421	5229	BENEFITS BUCKET	73,885.00	73,500.00	73,500.00
Total Business Unit 9421				515,493.00	514,421.81	550,957.00
Detention	9422	5101	REGULAR SALARIES	1,715,404.94	1,674,506.38	1,841,416.00
Detention	9422	5102	OVERTIME PAY	185,154.78	163,443.62	115,117.00
Detention	9422	5103	LONGEVITY PAY	24,601.11	23,904.05	28,584.00
Detention	9422	5106	ANNUAL LEAVE PAYOUT	5,145.03	8,039.07	
Detention	9422	5108	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY	13,048.71	14,561.50	16,990.00
Detention	9422	5109	EXTRA HELP	86,259.89	90,749.48	105,825.00
Detention	9422	5110	OUT OF CLASS PAY	0.00	0.00	6,361.00
Detention	9422	5201	INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE	82,133.55	81,762.00	103,897.00
Detention	9422	5202	SOCIAL SECURITY	150,087.67	145,970.38	159,980.00
Detention	9422	5203	PERS RETIREMENT	178,651.31	189,173.81	224,054.00
Detention	9422	5205	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	2,733.24	3,105.17	5,275.00
Detention	9422	5215	DISABILITY INSURANCE	0.18	-3.09	
Detention	9422	5229	BENEFITS BUCKET	372,064.00	370,125.00	370,125.00
Total Business Unit 9422				2,815,284.41	2,765,337.37	2,977,624.00
Court Services	9423	5101	REGULAR SALARIES	1,496,047.49	1,534,408.15	1,627,748.00
Court Services	9423	5102	OVERTIME PAY	69.97	69.59	
Court Services	9423	5103	LONGEVITY PAY	31,254.24	32,106.26	34,947.00
Court Services	9423	5106	ANNUAL LEAVE PAYOUT	388.91	0.00	
Court Services	9423	5109	EXTRA HELP	16,671.51	15,751.77	16,754.00
Court Services	9423	5121	INTERN PAY	3,275.00	2,975.00	5,750.00
Court Services	9423	5201	INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE	17,637.83	18,309.53	25,385.00
Court Services	9423	5202	SOCIAL SECURITY	115,236.02	118,126.97	128,930.00
Court Services	9423	5203	PERS RETIREMENT	137,806.20	155,410.33	179,833.00
Court Services	9423	5229	BENEFITS BUCKET	237,488.00	236,250.00	246,750.00
Total Business Unit 9423				2,055,875.17	2,113,407.60	2,266,097.00
Treatment	9427	5101	REGULAR SALARIES	194,608.55	178,520.75	214,446.00
Treatment	9427	5102	OVERTIME PAY	2,473.05	1,226.39	
Treatment	9427	5103	LONGEVITY PAY	2,027.28	2,004.95	2,145.00
Treatment	9427	5106	ANNUAL LEAVE PAYOUT		434.93	
Treatment	9427	5109	EXTRA HELP	814.08	841.61	
Treatment	9427	5121	INTERN PAY	2,120.00	180.00	3,142.00
Treatment	9427	5201	INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE	3,258.82	2,955.20	4,593.00
Treatment	9427	5202	SOCIAL SECURITY	14,631.43	13,349.66	16,812.00
Treatment	9427	5203	PERS RETIREMENT	16,480.62	16,804.88	22,891.00
Treatment	9427	5229	BENEFITS BUCKET	42,220.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
Total Business Unit 9427				278,633.83	258,318.37	306,029.00
Grand Total Kitsap County Juvenile Services				5,665,286.41	5,651,485.15	6,100,707.00

Special Project Budget Form

Agency Name: Kitsap County Juvenile Services

Project: Kitsap Adolescent Recovery Services

Enter the estimated costs associated with your project/program	Total	Requested Funds	Other Funds
Personnel			
Managers	\$60,840.00	\$60,840.00	\$0.00
Staff	\$152,904.00	\$81,119.00	\$71,785.00
Total Benefits	\$87,828.00	\$58,217.00	\$29,611.00
SUBTOTAL	\$301,572.00	\$200,176.00	\$101,396.00
Supplies & Equipment			
Office Supplies	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
U/A's Medical Hospital	\$8,448.00		\$8,448.00
Non Employee Travel	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
SUBTOTAL	\$12,448.00	\$0.00	\$12,448.00
Administration			
Mileage	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Operating Rental / Leases Copier	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Communication	\$2,385.00		\$2,385.00
Insurance/Bonds	\$9,470.00		\$9,470.00
Other	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Training/Travel/Transportation	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Information Services Project Charges	\$1,380.00		\$1,380.00
Information Services Computer Charges	\$8,535.00		\$8,535.00
SUBTOTAL	\$30,770.00	\$0.00	\$30,770.00
Ongoing Operations & Maintenance			
Janitorial Service	\$0.00		
Maintenance Contracts	\$0.00		
Maintenance of Existing Landscaping	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
SUBTOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$344,790.00	\$200,176.00	\$144,614.00

Project Salary Summary

Description

Number of Professional FTEs	4.00
Number of Clerical FTEs	0.00
Number of All Other FTEs	0.00
Total Number of FTEs	4.00

Salary Information

Salary of Executive Director or CEO	\$0.00
Salaries of Professional Staff	\$210,602.00
Salaries of Clerical Staff	\$0.00
Other Salaries (Describe Below)	\$0.00
Intern	\$3,142.00
Description:	\$0.00
Description:	\$0.00
Total Salaries	\$213,744.00
Total Payroll Taxes	\$16,478.00
Total Cost of Benefits	\$47,619.00
Total Cost of Retirement	\$23,731.00
Total Payroll Costs	\$301,572.00

ATTACHMENT D
Letters of Commitment



March 9, 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 Juvenile and Family 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 Juvenile and Family Court Services operates an in-house, state-certified drug and alcohol program that provides assessment and treatment for youth on probation, including youth involved in the Juvenile Drug Court and Individualized Treatment Court. Juvenile Services is proposing the following project: Use of room space for off-site chemical dependency treatment services.

Bremerton School District will commit the following resources to the proposal submitted by Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Court Services:

- Use of a room at Bremerton High School for chemical dependency treatment groups

Bremerton School District will provide a room at Bremerton High School for use as a chemical dependency treatment site by Kitsap Adolescent Recovery Services (KARS). Our collaboration with Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Services in providing treatment sites within the community allows easier access to treatment for students in the Bremerton School District who are in need of chemical dependency services and are involved in the juvenile justice system. Our collective effort to ensure chemical dependency services for these students benefits schools and the community by reducing school drop-outs and criminal activity.

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,

Aaron Leavell, Ed.D.
Superintendent



*Nurturing
Growth,
Inspiring
Achievement,
Building
Community*

South Kitsap School District Educational Services

March 24, 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 Juvenile and Family 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 Juvenile and Family Court Services operates an in-house, state-certified drug and alcohol program that provides assessment and treatment for youth on probation, including youth involved in the Juvenile Drug Court and Individualized Treatment Court. Juvenile Services is proposing the following project: Use of room space for off-site chemical dependency treatment services.

South Kitsap School District will commit the following resources to the proposal submitted by Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Court Services:

- Use of a room at Discovery Alternative High School for chemical dependency treatment groups.

South Kitsap School District will provide a room at Discovery Alternative High School for use as a chemical dependency treatment site by Kitsap Adolescent Recovery Services (KARS). Our collaboration with Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Services in providing treatment sites within the community allows easier access to treatment for South Kitsap students who are in need of chemical dependency services and are involved in the juvenile justice system. Our collective effort to ensure chemical dependency services for these students benefits schools and the community by reducing school drop-outs and criminal activity.

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,

Beverly J. Cheney, Ed.D.
Interim Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services



March 19, 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 Juvenile and Family 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 Juvenile and Family Court Services operates an in-house, state-certified drug and alcohol program that provides assessment and treatment for youth on probation, including youth involved in the Juvenile Drug Court and Individualized Treatment Court. Juvenile Services is proposing the following project: Use of room space for off-site chemical dependency treatment services.

Gateway Fellowship will commit the following resources to the proposal submitted by Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Court Services:

- Use of a room at Gateway Fellowship for chemical dependency treatment groups.

Gateway Fellowship will provide a room for use as a chemical dependency treatment site by Kitsap Adolescent Recovery Services (KARS). Our collaboration with Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Services in providing treatment sites within the community allows easier access to treatment for youth in the North Kitsap community who are in need of chemical dependency services and are involved in the juvenile justice system. Our collective effort to ensure chemical dependency services for these youth benefits the North Kitsap community by reducing criminal activity.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Akland", written in a cursive style.

Heather A. Akland



Juvenile Services - 2015



