

# CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

**DEPARTMENT:** County Manager's Office

**DATE:** February 27, 2018

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Create a Mental Health Sales Tax Funding Advisory Board

Consent  Hearing  County Manager

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## BACKGROUND

E2SSB-5763 became law in the State of Washington in 2005 to address the increasing number of individuals with mental health disorders, substance abuse and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The legislature subsequently enacted a one tenth of one percent treatment sales tax to provide services and support to this population. In 2007 Clark County passed a countywide one tenth of one percent treatment sales tax, the proceeds of which are spent after appropriation by the Clark County Council.

In 2017 a task force was created to recommend to the council guiding principles and criteria to help in decision making for new funding requests. The task force recommended a continuing Mental Health Sales Tax Funding Advisory Board for the dual purposes of:

1. Creating a formal process for collecting and evaluating new funding requests; and
2. Providing advisory input to the county manager's recommend budget to the county council.

The council concurred with this recommendation and decided to create a funding advisory board.

## COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The advisory board provides guidance to the county manager as she\he prepares the manager's recommended budget for use of mental health sales tax funds. The council receives the manager's recommended budget, and takes action to support or deny the recommendation.

The advisory board supports the decision making process but does not limit the council's decision making authority.

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The advisory board provides guidance to the county manager as she\he prepares the manager’s recommended budget for use of mental health sales tax funds. The manager receives the funding board’s input and takes action to support or deny the recommendation.

The advisory board supports the decision making process but does not limit the manager’s decision making authority.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

None

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

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**Jim Rumpeltes**  
 Interim County Manager

APPROVED:   
 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
 BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

DATE: 2-27-18

SR# 47-18



Resolution 2018-02-18

**A resolution to create a Clark County Mental Health Sales Tax Funding Advisory Board**

WHEREAS E2SSB-5763 became law in the State of Washington in 2005 to address the increasing number of individuals with mental health disorders, substance abuse and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders ; and

WHEREAS a one tenth of one percent treatment sales tax was subsequently enacted by the state to provide services and support to this population; and

WEREAS in 2007 Clark County passed a countywide one tenth of one percent treatment sales tax, the proceeds of which may be spent after appropriation by the Clark County Council; and

WHEREAS the 2017 mental health sales tax budget was \$7.1 million and supported many key programs within the county; and

WHEREAS: in 2017 a task force was created to recommend to the council guiding principles and criteria to help in decision making for new funding requests;

WHEREAS: the task force recommended a continuing Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board for the dual purposes of:  
Creating a formal process for collecting and evaluating new funding requests; and  
Providing advisory input to the county manager's recommend budget to the county council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Clark County Council creates a Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board for the dual purposes of:

1. Creating a formal process for collecting and evaluating new funding requests for mental health sales tax revenue; and
2. Providing advisory input to the county manager's recommended budget to the county council.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED:

Mental Health Sales Tax Advisory Board members include these officials or their designees:

1. Superior Court Judge (1)
2. Community Services Department Director (1)
3. Community Services Mental Health\Substance Abuse Programs (1)
4. Public Health Director (1)
5. County Budget Director (1)

- 6. District Court Administrator (1)
- 7. Juvenile Justice Administrator (1)
- 8. County Council (2)
  - a. Countywide representative
  - b. Urban representative

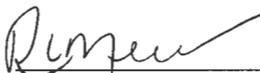
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED

The task force shall:

- 1. Follow the eligible use requirements in RCW 82.14.460.
- 2. Ensure a functional community continuum of care by maximizing local resources with other funding systems.
- 3. Recommend a reserve policy and fund requests using this policy.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018

Attest:

  
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 Clerk to the Council

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
 CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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