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Tuesday Study Session

MEETING AGENDA

April 9, 2019 – 12:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Review of Today's Council Agenda
 - a. Amendments
 - b. Grant Report
3. External Boards and Commissions
 - a. Puget Sound Tax Payer Accountability Account (PSTAA) Recommendation Reviews
Jason Escareno, Senior Research Analyst, (253) 798-7761
4. Discussion of Administrative Items
 - a. Scheduling
 - b. Staffing, Facilities and Equipment
 - c. Office Project Updates
5. Chair's Topics
6. Other Business
 - a. Executive Session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i).
7. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Jason Escareno, Senior Legislative Analyst

DATE: April 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA)

General Background:

The Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) was created as an amendment to the 2015 Transportation Revenue Package by the Washington State Legislature. The Legislature created PSTAA to direct certain funds into a protected account that is to be paid to the counties in the Sound Transit taxing district and directs that the funds be used for educational services to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and postsecondary education. The estimated funding available to Pierce County over 18 years, from 2018-2035, is \$123 million.

The Pierce County Executive's office solicited proposals from the public through a Request For Information (RFI) process, #2068 "Use of Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account Funding for Educational Services." They had 14 responses.

The Pierce County Council passed R2018-102 to establish a Stakeholder Group to recommend a strategic plan for the expenditure of funds related to the PSTAA.

Stakeholder Group:

The Stakeholder Group was established in November 2018, with 20 area agencies represented. The agencies involved were those who had submitted an RFI, as well as a few organizations who were recommended for participation. The group met a total of seven times over five months, with the final two meetings being professionally facilitated by Jennifer Arnold from Reciprocity Consulting. These agencies all serve low-income, homeless or in foster care, or other at-risk or vulnerable youth and children within the Sound Transit 3 area. The agencies involved were:

1. Amara
2. Bates Technical College
3. Clover Park Technical College
4. College Success Foundation
5. Communities in Schools – Puyallup
6. First5FUNDamentals
7. Graduate Tacoma
8. Metro Parks Tacoma
9. Metropolitan Development Council
10. Pierce College District
11. Pierce County Libraries
12. Puget Sound Educational Services District
13. Sound Alliance – SHAPE

14. Tacoma Community College
15. Tacoma Housing Authority
16. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
17. Treehouse
18. UW Tacoma

The agencies had an opportunity to present to the Stakeholder Group about their scope of work and how the PSTAA funds could impact the work of their agencies or programs as related to low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other at-risk and vulnerable youth and children.

Recommended Principles:

The Stakeholder Group discussed strategies for the PSTAA funding over the final four meetings. Jennifer Arnold from Reciprocity Consulting helped the group to gain consensus on their principles for making funding decisions as shown below and in the attached. These are:

1. Community engagement and co-design
2. Needs assessment
3. Data-informed planning
4. Racial equity lens
5. Prevention lens
6. Transparent process
7. Focus on prenatal-25 with support for families
8. Funded activities linked directly to goal

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

PTSAA Stakeholder Group Strategic Plan Recommendation

Goal - Improve educational outcomes for individuals, pregnancy through age 25, across the ST3 area in Pierce County with an emphasis on people of color and a particular focus on:

- Individuals from low-income families,
- Individuals who are vulnerable to or have experienced homelessness,
- Individuals who are vulnerable to or have experienced foster care or relative care.

Principles to Determine How Funding Decisions Are Made

- **Community Engagement and Co-design**
 - A group and facilitator committed to co-design principles
 - A group that represents the populations served
 - A group with county-wide representation within the ST3 area
 - A decision-making board to the extent possible; otherwise an advisory board
 - Leverage the work of other collaborative efforts and collective impact initiatives, for an example of collective impact see Santa Fe Birth to Career Collaboration https://www.santafeb2c.org/uploads/4/2/2/0/42201285/summit_handouts_overview_on_ci_sf_b2c_cabinet_outcomes.pdf
- **Needs Assessment**
 - Compile existing needs assessments
 - Determine if there is a need for additional assessments, for example if there is a gap in understanding the needs of youth experiencing homelessness
- **Data-informed Planning**
 - Identify a process and specific metrics to track progress.
 - Identify “predictive indicators” and outcomes to track progress (A “predictive indicator” is a measure to track intermediate progress to see if you are on-track to meeting your desired outcomes.)
 - Use adaptive management to adjust and improve how funding is spent based on what is learned from tracking progress, including learning about what is working and not working so well.
 - Emphasize best practices based on research, while making room for innovation in programs and policies.
- **Apply a Racial Equity Lens**
 - Eliminating race as a predictor of progress and success for children 0-5. Thrive Washington collaborated on [Racial Equity Theory of Change](#) for early learning in Washington State.
- **Apply a Prevention Lens**
- **Transparent Process with Clear Steps and Timeline for Funding Decisions**
- **Focus on Individuals Pregnancy through 25 years with Support for their Families**
- **All Funded Activities Relate Directly to the Goal**



Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account Update



Presenter

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Overview

- Overview of legislation
- Review of what King and Snohomish are doing
- Review of what the legislature is doing
- Update on Pierce County's PSTAA/ST3 Stakeholder Group
 - Discussion of strategic recommendations from Pierce County's PSTAA/ST3 Stakeholder Group





PSTAA/ST3

- SB 5987
- Pierce County R2018-102





PSTAA/ST3

Estimated Distributions from Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (dollars in thousands)				
Year	King	Pierce	Snohomish	Total
2018	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
2019	\$ 365	\$ 143	\$ 92	\$ 600
2020	\$ 4,133	\$ 1,613	\$ 1,035	\$ 6,781
2021	\$ 6,376	\$ 2,489	\$ 1,596	\$ 10,461
2022	\$ 7,439	\$ 2,904	\$ 1,862	\$ 12,205
2023	\$ 10,945	\$ 4,273	\$ 2,740	\$ 17,958
2024	\$ 12,233	\$ 4,776	\$ 3,062	\$ 20,071
2025	\$ 13,021	\$ 5,083	\$ 3,260	\$ 21,364
2026	\$ 14,358	\$ 5,605	\$ 3,594	\$ 23,558
2027	\$ 11,366	\$ 4,437	\$ 2,845	\$ 18,649
2028	\$ 10,985	\$ 4,288	\$ 2,750	\$ 18,023
2029	\$ 18,028	\$ 7,038	\$ 4,513	\$ 29,578
2030	\$ 28,975	\$ 11,311	\$ 7,253	\$ 47,540
2031	\$ 39,102	\$ 15,265	\$ 9,788	\$ 64,155
2032	\$ 36,007	\$ 14,056	\$ 9,013	\$ 59,076
2033	\$ 34,349	\$ 13,409	\$ 8,598	\$ 56,357
2034	\$ 44,421	\$ 17,341	\$ 11,120	\$ 72,882
2035	\$ 23,613	\$ 9,218	\$ 5,911	\$ 38,742
Total	\$ 315,719	\$ 123,250	\$ 79,032	\$ 518,000

Estimated distribution of funds based on 2015 Sound Transit service area population distribution estimates.





What's King County doing?

- December 2017: Developed nine strategy areas for funding
- June 2018: Hired consultants to conduct research
- February 2019: Community engagement process
- May 2020: Estimated first PSTAA/ST3 procurement release





What's Snohomish County doing?

- September 2018: began individual outreach to early learning, K-12, and postsecondary providers
- Will be conducting an initial survey to determine if there is widespread consensus on priority investments
- Summer of 2020: Estimated first PSTAA/ST3 procurement release





What's the Legislature doing?

- SHB 1791
 - Capital funding
 - Endowments
 - Mental Health tax





What's Pierce County doing?

- July 2018: Pierce County Executive RFI process
- September 2018: Pierce County Executive appropriated \$143K for UW-T in 2019 budget
- September 2018: Pierce County Council established PSTAA Stakeholder Group with R2018-102





What's Pierce County doing?

- Council staff convened the members of the PSTAA Stakeholder Group
- Council staff facilitated first 5 Stakeholder Group discussions
- We asked each agency to present an overview of their agency and share ideas for potential funding focused on evidence based practices
- Council staff created web page for the PSTAA Stakeholder Group





What's Pierce County doing?

- Facilitator for final 2 Stakeholder Group discussions to establish recommendations and priorities
- Recommendations from Stakeholder Group discussions





What's Pierce County doing?

Consensus from Stakeholder Group

- Goal and audiences to be served
- Principles for making funding decisions to have the greatest impact:
 - Community engagement and co-design
 - Need assessment
 - Data-informed planning
 - Racial equity lens
 - Prevention lens
 - Transparent process
 - Focus on P-25 with support for families
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What's Pierce County doing?

- Issues from Stakeholder Group discussions
 - Endowment
 - Capital funding
 - Council process





What's Pierce County doing?

- Continue to provide ways for the community to deliver feedback to Council
- Council needs to clarify its priorities, process, and plans for this funding
- Potential nexus with Birth to 25 Advisory Board





Questions?