

Observed Meeting: Kittitas County Behavioral Health Tax Advisory Committee Date: 5/28/2026

LWV Observer: Liz Whitaker Time: 1:00-2:20 pm

	Yes	No	Comments
Members			Present: Pam Tuggle-Miles, Jodi Larsen, Cat Crowley, Doug Fessler, Mike Karraker
All members present?		X	Not present: Mark Larson, Brett Wachsmith, Christopher West
Members attentive & involved?	X		
Members courteous to each other and public?	X		
Any members recuse themselves?		X	
Agenda			
Agenda available prior to and during meeting?	X		
Agenda followed?	X		
Agenda amended?		X	
Non-agenda items discussed?		X	
Was time given to public input?	X		3 other people attended. However, no one commented.

Action:

Please provide a brief, impartial summary of the meeting, including key issues discussed, significant actions taken, and other observations:

- Reviewed a document prepared by consultant Robin Read that summarized and compared characteristics of previously funded programs, such as mental health vs. chemical dependency focus, or both; focus on prevention, treatment, recovery or a combination; coverage area lower county vs. upper county or both.
- Continued strategic planning process with focus on mission statement and values.
- Reviewed available information about the two continuing grant proposals from Community Builders and KCFOA. Clarified that maximum allowed funding for these agencies is the same amount they were awarded for the previous year, to allow them to continue to provide services until the next RFP cycle is open. For Community Builders, that is about \$90,000, and for KCFOA, about \$30,000.
- Chose a shorter name for the group: Behavioral Health Tax Advisory Committee.

If minutes were posted online, please provide a link: Minutes from the April meeting were approved at this meeting and will be posted with the May meeting materials within a few days at <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boards/boards.aspx?board=alcohol-substance-abuse>

If a vote on an ordinance will be taken later, please provide the name or number of the ordinance and the date of the vote: Not applicable

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? No

What action do you recommend, i.e., support, oppose, study, inform the community, other (please specify): When the next request for proposals is developed or released, the League may want to inform the community.