

Observed Meeting: Kittitas County 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Tax Adv. Board Date: 4/30/2026

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

|   | Yes | No | Comments   |
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| <b>Members</b>                                |     |    |  |
| All members present?                          |     | X  | 5/8 present, Michael Karraker excused. Mark Larson and Christopher West absent.  |
| Members attentive & involved?                 | X   |    | Cell phones placed on meeting table caused occasional distraction.   |
| Members courteous to each other and public?   | X   |    |  |
| Any members recuse themselves?                |     | X  |  |
| <b>Agenda</b>                                 |     |    |  |
| 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   |    | No one commented during public comment at the beginning of the meeting. The only non-members present were the consultant, two Public Health staff members, the county Administrative Specialist, and me. |

Members (8 listed on county website): Pamela Tuggle-Miles, Jodi Larsen, Doug Fessler, Mark Larson, Christopher West, Catherine Crowley, Michael Karraker, Brett Wachsmith.

**Action:**

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

Most of the meeting consisted of working on a strategic plan with consultant Robin Read. Strategic planning began at the March meeting. Today the focus was on a Vision Statement, in other words, why are we doing this? Two continuing grant applications were distributed to members along with a scoring guide. Board members were asked to submit questions and preliminary scores by May 14. This 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax was originally voter-approved for a 5-year period, but recently voters extended the tax indefinitely. Because this tax and associated funding was originally expected to end (“sunset”) this year, agencies that would have lost funding were allowed to apply for funds to continue offering

their programs without responding to a Request for Proposals (RFP). The new public RFP will be released later this year.

If minutes were posted online, please provide a link: <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/boards/boards.aspx?board=alcohol-substance-abuse>

March minutes were posted after approval at the April meeting.

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:

This Advisory Board does not vote on ordinances.

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):