



## Superior Court of the State of Washington For the County of Yakima

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To the Human Services Department and the Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to provide an update on our ongoing efforts and achievements in the fourth quarter of 2024 related to our DIMS Data System and the expansion of our therapeutic court programs. Over the past quarter, we have continued to input data diligently into our new DIMS Data System. We have made significant progress in enhancing the information we enter into the platform as we improve our understanding of its features and capabilities. We were able to meet with our Substance Use Disorder Treatment Provider to update the treatment history for all current Drug Court participants. This will greatly improve our ability to find correlations in Drug Court outcomes.

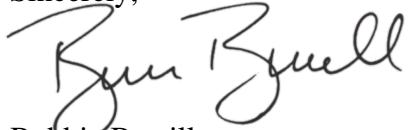
In addition to this, we completed an application for the Operational Tune Up Workshop offered by the National AllRise Treatment Court Institute. We partnered with Kittitas County and Chelan County for a collaborative submission. However, due to a high volume of applications, our courts were not selected for this opportunity. We were placed on a waitlist, and I am told that the Program Coordinator for AllRise will reach out to courts on the wait list if any scheduling conflicts arise with the selected courts. However, at this time, it seems unlikely that our courts will be selected for this workshop in 2025 due to the volume of waitlisted courts.

We are pleased to report that we have finalized our Drug Court Handbook, along with all Drug Court admission documents. These materials have been distributed and are now being used regularly. Our handbook is also available on our county website. We encourage you to review it at your convenience. The finalization of the Drug Court Handbook has allowed us to implement changes that better align the program with Best Practice Standards, and we look forward to evaluating how these changes will impact our outcome data moving forward.

We have also begun attending Family Treatment Court sessions and are working to build strong relationships within that program. Our goal is to establish a consistent presence and be a reliable partner on that team. We also recognize that Family Treatment Court and Mental Health Court both require attention to their documents, handbooks, and community awareness. These areas will remain a focus in the coming months. However, our primary goal for this first quarter of 2025 is to begin testing the DIMS participant app with participants across the different therapeutic courts.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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