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## Mental Health Sales Tax 2025

### Quarterly Report

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**Quarter Report** Quarter 3 (July to September - DUE by October 31st)

#### **Total Number of Clients (both duplicated/unduplicated number):**

104 clients in all three Yakima County Therapeutic Courts.

#### **Narrative Summary Detailing Program Success:**

The MHT Paralegal position is dedicated to managing the cases of all the county's therapeutic court participants and assisting the attorneys representing those participants in court. This work is not managed effectively by the attorney staff alone. Case management under the attorney-client umbrella is enhanced and is designed to promote individual client success in these specialized courts. (Note that case management services by agencies outside of the attorney-client responsibility do not share the same confidential requirements for therapeutic court participants.) The providing of enhanced defense services and case management for this group of clients is needed, especially in the therapeutic court setting. Better outcomes for participants lower recidivism, a better outcome for the community. During the 3rd quarter, the paralegal hit the ground running and immersed herself in the workings of the court, the assisting of the clients at the direction of DAC staff attorneys, and became a valuable member of the defense team in representing its clients.

#### **Encountered Barriers:**

Too early to comment on this question.

#### **Significant Changes to the Program:**

See above.

#### **Submission of current staffing model (Including vacant positions)**

One full-time MHT Paralegal.