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Quarter Report Quarter 2 (April to June '25 - DUE by July 14th, 2025)

Select Contract Submitting Report for:

Mental Health Sales Tax (MHST)

Contract Number: YC-DAC-MHST-2025

Confirming that none of the information you share includes client-identifying details. Names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers are all protected information and should not be submitted to this portal.

Yes, I confirm.

Total Number of Clients (both duplicated/unduplicated number): 122

Narrative Summary Detailing Program Success:

Continuing the successes detailed in the DAC's prior quarterly report. The DAC paralegal has also been instrumental in providing assistance to indigent participants requesting relief from the hardship of Drug Court imposed financial assessments that act as a barrier to participant success. She has also been building on her visibility as a point of contact for local counsel, therapeutic court candidates, and current participants. This visibility has led to her being able to assist counsel in resolving multiple issues that stand in the way of participant success; examples include outstanding warrants from outside Yakima County's jurisdiction, educating counsel from other jurisdictions having clients in common with Yakima County, and arranging treatment for local participants subject to jail holds in other jurisdictions. Finally, the paralegal's recent attendance at the annual national therapeutic court conference provided continuing education for her role.

Encountered Barriers:	Barriers to success for therapeutic court participants include limited pro bono legal services in our community. Legal issues for therapeutic court participants are not limited to just their criminal case(s). Example: A large percentage of our clients also have family law issues involving parenting plans, and enforcement thereof. These matters can impact success of therapeutic court participation.
Significant Changes to the Program:	Too early to assess.
Submission of current staffing model (Including vacant positions)	One full-time MHT Therapeutic Court Defense Paralegal.