

MIDD Advisory Committee (AC) Principles Survey
SUMMARY
2021-2022 Budget Considerations

Subject

AC members were asked to complete a survey to update the *MIDD Advisory Committee Guiding Principles for King County to Utilize in Developing and Implementing MIDD Activities* to reflect priority values members would like applied when considering funding decisions for the 2021-2022 MIDD biennial budget.

Background

MIDD is a behavioral health sales tax in King County. The King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis forecast projects a significant decrease of sales tax revenue in 2020 continuing into 2021-2022 due to the impacts on economic activity from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Survey Summary

The survey asked members to:

- Rank their top three priorities of the principles with the option of ranking a new principle in a later question if it was not included in the original list
- Propose new principles that are not on the principles list
- Identify if the updated priority principles should be applied when deciding which initiatives should be restored when revenue increases
- Share any additional comments

Survey Results from 18 Members

Member Ranking of Original Principles	Total - Any Priority	Total - Highest Priority
Driven by outcomes; informed by data	9	3
Common goal (from MIDD Framework as “result of MIDD”): “People living with or at risk of behavioral health conditions are healthy, have satisfying social relationships, and avoid criminal justice involvement.”	8	3
Community-based organizations on equal status with County for compensation	5	2
Community driven	4	2
Responsive to significant environmental changes in federal/state policy and funding; filling gaps	3	2
Integrated, transformational services / strategies designed to serve our most disenfranchised populations	5	1
Partnering between Criminal Justice system / human services with shared goal to divert and prevent justice system involvement	5	1
Integrated, transformational services / strategies designed to serve our most disenfranchised populations	3	1
Based in promising or best practices; evidence-based when possible	2	1
Supports King County’s vision for health care; reflects the triple aim: improved patient care experience, improved population health, and reduced cost of health care	2	1

More upstream / prevention services	3	0
Recovery focused	3	0

Proposed New Principles

Reduce/address inequities
Involve Sound Cities Association (SCA) in the process
A principal that aims towards Social Justice and equity should be considered
Based in practices of racial Equity. Minimizing risk of lethality and comorbid medical conditions.
Centered on racial equity
Community based peer services have a significant impact both in numbers served and time available at a much lower cost. This is the time to mobilize the recovery community to support one another as a fiscally responsible way of managing the cost cutting required by this pandemic while still meeting the ever increasing need for behavioral health services for the same reason.
Create infrastructure to replace the traditional role of police in addressing behavioral health matters.
Making sure funds are applied equitably to address systemic racism.
Retain, as much as possible, the current network of services that meet the above goals.

The updated priority principles should be applied when deciding which initiatives to restore when sales tax revenues increase.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Percent	56%	39%	6%	0%	0%

Additional Comments

During economic crisis, it is important to preserve the services that are core to the mission that also have a proven impact. It is not a time to pursue the "nice to haves" or begin new initiatives.
Equity is very important in improving the lives of those we serve and should be a major factor in placing and removing services. .
I worry that these principles won't be enough to drive the hard decision making that will be required. If the AC is going to be effective in this role, I think more work needs to be done to get to a set of broad yet specific parameters to inform sound decisions. Happy to provide more info if useful. Thank you very much for your time supporting the MIDD AC.
The decisions for determining how to prioritize the principles should be driven by those committed to evidence-based practices and diverting individuals from the criminal justice system and hospitalization and reduction of Medicaid expenditures.
The funding mechanism, RWC 82.114.460 states must be used for three purposes: 1) operation/delivery of chemical dependency programs and services; 2) operation/delivery of mental health treatment programs and services; and 3) operation/delivery of therapeutic courts programs and services. I think is important in times of reductions, we make sure funding at a minimum addresses these issues.
The term "priority principle" is confusing. So we have other principles that are not priorities? The MIDD AC should have an annual review and update of its principles, driven by AC members.
We should be looking for additional revenues from other sources (IE: marijuana/alcohol/tobacco sales taxes) and advocating federally for \$\$\$\$\$. MIDD should create a template for local government to use when advocating for such.