

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes June 25, 2020, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Meeting held via Zoom

Members/ Designees: Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri, Co-Chair Judge Ketu Shah, Ann McGettigan, Brigitte Folz, Laura Smith, Anthony Austin, Brigitte Folz, Barbara Miner, Councilmember Brenda Fincher, Jeff Sakuma, Joshua Wallace, Karen Brady, Councilmember Kathy Lambert, Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke, Katherine Switz, Kelli Carrol, Laura Merchant, Lea Ennis, Judge Susan Mahoney, Mayor Lynne Robinson, Mario Paredes, Katie Hurley designee for Anita Khandelwal, Muguette Guennequez, Brad Finegood designee for Patty Hayes, Leesa Manion

Other Attendees: Councilmember Gary Harris, Judge Judy Ramseyer, Judge Lisa Paglisotti, Kelli Nomura, Isabel Jones, Robin Pfohman, Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Joseph Tshibangu, Steve Andryszewski, Susan Schoeld, Sherry McCabe, Jennifer Wyatt, Margaret Soukop, Shanna Clinton, Chris Mitchell, Bridgett Fields, Peggy Dolane, Lane Covington, Yvonne Roberts, Laura Van Tosh, Lauren Vlas, Aaron Parker, Carisa Barrett, , Dan Story, Dave Murphy, Alexis Rinck, Trenecsia Wilson, Kapena Pflum, Christina Mason, Tara Urs, Jorene Reiber, Cody West, Helena Stephens, Gail Stone, Gregg Hirakawa, Chelsea Baylen, Lisa Daugaard, Callista Wellbaum, Sam Porter, Leslie Miller, Madeline Cavazos, Paul Daniels, Steve Gustaveson, Marilyn Littlejohn, Scott Miller, Sunny Lovin, Regina Alexander, Michele Meaker, Anne Meegan

Notes by: Greg Brooks

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
Welcome	Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri conducted a land acknowledgment, welcomed participants and reminded everyone to silence their microphones.	
Member/Staff Announcements	Co-Chair D'Allegri addressed the current social climate around Black Lives Matter and shared that King County has declared Racism is a Public Health Crisis.	
	Co-Chair D'Allegri announced that the MIDD Annual Report draft will be shared with the AC on July 2 nd . It will be reviewed at the Steering Committee meeting on July 13 th and the AC meeting on July 23 rd .	
Review/Approve Meeting Notes	The May meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
Public Comment	Thai Nguyen from Peer Seattle spoke on the importance of including peer voices. Thai added that integrating peer voices in partnership on policy development and funding decisions will support those in need that currently do not receive adequate services.	
	Janine Boyer asked that peer voices be included when considering budget cuts and asked if there was another avenue of communication beyond public comments.	
	Jessica Scalzo emphasized the importance of peer voices being included in MIDD policy, budget and decision making.	
MIDD Financial Plan and 2020 Budget Impacts	Steve Andryszewski stated that the 2019-2020 adopted budget was \$145 million with some one-time additions that created a reserve shortfall. There is an overall \$23 million reduction in revenue that must be absorbed in 2020. The Department of Community and Human Services looked for one-time areas to reduce to cause the least impact to current services as possible. The Rainy-Day Reserve and the sale of the Sobering Center building will contribute \$7 million and about \$4 million respectively.	

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	Additionally, funds were identified from programs that had not started, had underspent funds or expansions halted. Therapeutic Courts were asked to take a 15% reduction.	
	Joshua Wallace brought up concerns that the reductions in funding of Therapeutic Courts will disproportionately affect people/communities of color. Kapena Pflum responded to this concern, stating that these cuts are coming from planned under-expenditures, and not from capping services to individuals in 2020.	
	There was a request for a comprehensive document showing all of the 2020 reductions.	A comprehensive document of all of the 2020 reductions will be developed.
	Co-chair Judge Shah shared some agreement in the chat from other members and a comment that there are some statistics that indicate that Therapeutic Courts may overserve certain populations. It was noted that local courts may have different demographics in their populations.	
	Kelli Carroll provided some background information about the public community engagement process that occurred during MIDD renewal in 2016. Community members indicated during that process that "deep end" programs such as courts should be less of a funding focus over "upstream" programs that could interrupt participant's involvement with the legal system earlier.	
2021-2022 Budget Process	The current revenue projections for the 2021-2022 biennium are about \$132.8 million. Reductions will need to be identified in the budget. Ongoing conversations are taking place to proactively identify any savings opportunities. The goal is to make as minimal reductions as possible. The MIDD AC will be finalizing over-arching principles to guide budget decisions.	
	Co-Chair Judge Shah asked if the identified AC guiding principles will be considered by the Executive during the budget considerations. Steve shared that the principles will be woven into the decision making process.	
	Brigitte Folz suggested that the AC consider the behavioral health system outpatient services funding reductions that have occurred as a result of the 2020 MIDD budget reductions.	
	Brad Finegood asked about the length of reductions, whether these are one-time reductions or ongoing. Steve answered that no definitive answer could be given at the time.	
MIDD Grounding In	Laura Smith began by providing some background on MIDD, including that MIDD is a 0.1% countywide sales tax that generates, pre COVID-19, about \$136 million per two-year biennium, specifically for programs and services to address behavioral health needs. She reviewed the MIDD policy goals and strategy areas.	

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	The Sequential Intercept Model was used to identify intercept points to address behavioral health needs thorough programs to prevent incarceration, hospitalization and homelessness.	
	She provided an overview of the role of the MIDD AC.	
	There was a brief discussion about how the public could provide feedback to the AC through the public comment period and through the wider King County Council public comments during the budget development process.	
	Mayor Robinson asked if reduced crimes was being measured for MIDD participants. Co-chair Judge Shah said that there was a recidivism measure but he did not know the details. Mayor Robinson asked if it could be a goal. A discussion of recidivism in therapeutic courts and the importance of having a range of available services followed.	
Principles to Guide Budget Decisions in 2021-2022	Co-Chair Judge Shah thanked members for completing the guiding principles survey. The principles are the AC's contribution to budget reduction process.	
	The results of the MIDD AC Principles Survey was displayed, which was also sent out in email and available on the MIDD website: https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/mental-health-substance-abuse/midd/midd-committees.aspx	
	Co-Chair D'Allegri emphasized the importance of defining these principles to be used in how the committee makes decisions.	
	Multiple members highlighted the importance of making equitable decisions, and including another principle in regard to equity and social justice. The principle includes culturally competent services and a systemic racism focus to address health inequity impacts on communities of color.	
	Several members supported focusing on prevention or "upstream" services.	
MIDD Staff Report	Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman announced the recipients of the Initiative SI-01 Community Driven Behavioral Health Grants.	
Agenda Items for July Meeting	Please email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the July meeting.	
Adjourned	1:30 PM	
Next meeting	Thursday, July 23, 2020, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Zoom	
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