

## **MIDD 2 Initiative RR-13: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Familiar Faces**

*How does the program advance the adopted MIDD policy goals?*

This initiative impacts the adopted MIDD policy goal of “divert individuals with behavioral health needs from costly interventions, such as jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals.”

The dedicated deputy prosecuting attorney (DPA) for King County’s Familiar Faces will support the work of specialized programs that provide mental health and substance use disorder treatment, primary health care, life skills development, and/or assistance with care transitions, for individuals referred to as “Familiar Faces” who have been booked in the King County jail four or more times within a 12-month period. Among the Familiar Faces population,<sup>135</sup> 94 percent have one or more behavioral health conditions,<sup>136</sup> and 93 percent have at least one acute medical condition. The dedicated DPA will work with Familiar Faces care management and/or care transition teams – including the Familiar Faces Intensive Care Management Team<sup>137</sup> (FF-ICMT).

The dedicated DPA will provide legal authority and criminal justice information regarding legal matters for the FF-ICMT and/or other Familiar Faces care management and transition teams. As part of the FF team, the DPA will consult and collaborate with FF-ICMT, defense, law enforcement and the community on individual cases. DPA participation on the FF team will enable individuals to be diverted in certain circumstances and avoid further contact with the criminal justice system. The involvement of a dedicated DPA working with the Familiar Faces Intensive Care Management Team will reduce costly criminal justice involvement. The DPA has the ability and the discretion to intervene in criminal case for Familiar Faces participants and look at case resolutions that support harm reduction alternatives for preferred long-term outcomes for participants and communities.

### **1. Program Description**

#### *◇ A. Service Components/Design (Brief)*

The dedicated DPA funded by this initiative will have direct, frequent and collaborative communication with the Familiar Faces Intensive Care Management Team (FF-ICMT) and/or other Familiar Faces care management and transition teams to track any new bookings, pending cases/charges, pre-existing criminal history, and any post-adjudication hearings and requirements involving all active program participants. The dedicated DPA would also serve as a liaison between program steering committee(s) and law enforcement regarding the changing status of pending cases, outstanding warrants or court hearings. The DPA will retain prosecutorial discretion in all criminal case resolutions. The DPA will seek input from crime

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<sup>135</sup> King County Health and Human Services Transformation: The Familiar Faces Initiative, June 2016.

<sup>136</sup> In addition to individuals booked in the King County jail who have a history of mental health and/or substance abuse treatment, King County Jail Health Services uses certain “flags” to identify people who have a recent history of mood, psychosis, or trauma diagnosis or psychiatric medications, or who have a recent history of substance use disorder diagnosis, detoxification service use or withdrawal risk, or treatment referral.

<sup>137</sup> <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/mental-health-substance-abuse/diversion-reentry-services/Familiar-Faces-ICMT.aspx>.

victims, community members, law enforcement and the care management team regarding Familiar Faces participants to determine the appropriate resolution for open/pending criminal cases. Resolutions could include, but are not limited to, dismissals, detention or transfer of a mainstream criminal case to an appropriate therapeutic court. The DPA will monitor track, and negotiate all cases associated with program participants when appropriate.

◇ *B. Goals*

The addition of a dedicated DPA would increase the effectiveness of Familiar Faces care management and care transition teams in reducing criminal justice involvement and promoting wellness and stability for a portion of the sentinel Familiar Faces population.

◇ *C. Preliminary Performance Measures (based on MIDD 2 Framework)*<sup>138</sup>

1. *How much? Service Capacity Measures*

The FF-ICMT that will benefit immediately from the services of this dedicated DPA would serve about 60 adults meeting Familiar Faces criteria at any given time, or an unduplicated annual number to be determined in consultation with stakeholders. As additional relevant Familiar Faces programs are launched, this DPA is likely to assist many more people.<sup>139</sup>

2. *How well? Service Quality Measures*

- Increased housing stability

3. *Is anyone better off? Individual Outcome Measures*

- Reduced unnecessary incarceration, hospital, and emergency department use

◇ *D. Provided by: County*

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<sup>138</sup> Throughout 2017, review and refinement of Results-Based Accountability (RBA) performance measures for MIDD 2 initiatives will be conducted whenever applicable, in consultation with providers. Updates to performance measures that may result from this collaborative process will be reported in the next MIDD Annual Report in August 2018.

<sup>139</sup> The total Familiar Faces population in King County averages over 1,200 people per year, although only a portion of this group will be served via care management or care transition programs. A similar dedicated DPA for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program serves about 350 people.

## 2. Spending Plan

Year	Activity	Amount
2017 partial year	Dedicated deputy prosecuting attorney (DPA) for Familiar Faces, including its flexible care management and care transition teams	\$47,091
<b>2017 Annual Expenditure</b>		<b>\$47,091</b>
2018	Dedicated DPA for Familiar Faces, including its flexible care management and care transition teams	\$145,511
<b>2018 Annual Expenditure</b>		<b>\$145,511</b>
<b>Biennial Expenditure</b>		<b>\$192,602</b>

## 3. Implementation Schedule

### ◇ A. Procurement and Contracting of Services

Funding for the Familiar Faces DPA would be directed to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's office via a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

### ◇ B. Services Start date (s)

MIDD 2 funding for the Familiar Faces DPA will begin in third quarter 2017 when private grant funding expires.

## 4. Community Engagement Efforts

There have been significant efforts to engage the community since the implementation of the Familiar Faces DPA liaison position. The DPA has reached out to a variety of different entities such as the Department of Corrections and municipal courts in an effort to connect individuals working with Familiar Faces participants to the Intensive Care Management Team. In addition, the DPA is in constant communication with crime victims and other community members who are concerned about the Familiar Faces participants. The DPA takes an active role in educating community members and crime victims regarding the harm reductions principles employed by the Familiar Faces Intensive Care Management team and the County's new approach to addressing individuals with multiple jail bookings. In addition, the DPA conducts trainings and speaks on community panels about the Familiar Faces Initiative.