

King County's Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) is a one-tenth of one percent sales tax that supports programs and services for people living with mental illness and chemical dependency. It expires at the end of 2016.

At the March 26, 2015 MIDD Oversight Committee meeting, the Committee members participated in a collective discussion that included the question of what are the most important values and guiding principles on which should be focused on moving into MIDD review and renewal work.

The following values and guiding principles were articulated by the MIDD Oversight Committee and captured in this document. The values and guiding principles will serve to inform all aspects of the development of MIDD II, should the the tax be renewed. This document may be revised in the future.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MIDD Oversight Committee Values &amp; Guiding Principles</b> <b>Revised 8.27.15</b></p>
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The following values and guiding principles were outlined by the MIDD Oversight Committee in March as being necessary to inform the MIDD renewal process, and were reviewed and revised at the MIDD Oversight Committee's July meeting and reviewed at the August meeting.

- Cultural competency lens with an Equity and Social Justice (ESJ) focus
- Client centered; developed with consumer input
- Ensure voices of youth and disenfranchised populations are represented
- Self sustaining; partnerships that leverage sustainability when possible
- Community driven, not county driven
- Transparent
- Recovery focused
- Driven by documented outcomes
- Based in promising or best practices; evidence-based when possible
- Common goal(s) across all organizations
- Strategies move us toward integration and are transformational
- MIDD funding leverages criminal justice (CJ) system (youth and adult) changes
- Supports King County's vision for health care; reflects the triple aim:
  - Improved patient care experience
  - Improved population health
  - Reduced cost of health care
- More upstream / prevention services
- Coordinated services
- Community based organizations on equal status with County for compensation
- Continue legacy of CJ/human services coming together
- Open to new ways of achieving results
- Build on strengths of the system
- Services are accessible to those with limited options