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Dear Behavioral Health Partner, Community Members, and Stakeholders,

Today we are pleased to share with you the first draft of our final deliverable for MIDD II planning and renewal work called for by Ordinance: **the Draft MIDD II Service Improvement Plan**. This plan serves as the blue print for MIDD II, should the MIDD sales tax be extended by the King County Council.

The plan builds on the success of the first MIDD which was a groundbreaking partnership between health and human services, criminal justice, King County government and community providers, and sets forth a path to overcome the few challenges of MIDD I.

- The recommended initiatives, policies, and processes that comprise MIDD II are:
- informed by community and Oversight Committee input;
- grounded in the County's Social Justice and Equity work;
- driven by outcomes;
- guided by the behavioral health continuum of care; and
- aligned with other County policy initiatives.

As you know from the development of the MIDD II funding and programmatic recommendations that took place in March through May, successful MIDD I programs are proposed to continue into MIDD II, along with 16 new initiatives. The programmatic and funding recommendation that were shared on May 20th and discussed at the May 26th MIDD Oversight Committee meeting are included in this Draft MIDD II Service Improvement Plan. Additional detail and programmatic descriptions for the recommended initiatives are included in today's Draft Plan as Initiative Description documents that are included in the Plan (Appendix H).

Please note that the Initiative Description documents provide *initial* implementation and evaluation information. It is important to recognize that the information in these documents is preliminary and subject to revision based on revised policy goals, the adopted budget, and community feedback that might occur during the upcoming implementation planning work or as a result of changed funding levels that may occur during the County’s budget adoption process.

In most instances, information for the proposed new MIDD II initiatives is very preliminary due to the need to conduct detailed implementation planning in collaboration with stakeholders and communities. Additionally, most existing MIDD I initiatives that are recommended to continue into MIDD II will also undergo some form of operational updating to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and meet revised policy goals. All initiatives will be included & detailed in a MIDD II Implementation Plan that is recommended to be submitted to the Council in 2017. Detailed implementation planning for new MIDD II initiatives necessarily involves internal and external partners to King County like providers or other stakeholders, and will thus be embarked upon throughout the balance of 2016 and into 2017.

The development MIDD II initial draft funding and programmatic recommendations were-and continue to be-significantly influenced by community voices and priorities.

Summary of DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan Recommendations
Recommendations that may require legislation are noted with “”*

Area of Recommendation	SIP Recommendations
MIDD Fund Financial Policies Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise MIDD Fund reserve policy to 60 days of expenditure in the Rainy Day Reserve. 2. Allocate at least \$750,000 annually to the Rainy Day Reserve. 3. Prioritize use of fund balance.
Adding, Deleting, or Modifying MIDD Initiatives, Strategies, Services, and Programs or Initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use updated MIDD I revision processes for modifying or adjusting MIDD initiatives, strategies, services, and programs. 2. Utilize Emerging Issues initiative to support emerging services and programs for up to two years.
Proposed Schedule for Reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise data collection periods to January to January fiscal/calendar year. * 2. Revise annual report due date to the Council to August.* 3. Launch web data dashboard.
Recommended Modifications to the MIDD Oversight Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain role as advisory body to the Executive and Council.* 2. Revise membership to reflect changed organizations, boards, or entities.* 3. Add four new member seats.* 4. Create Consumers and Communities Subcommittee. 5. Initiate an array of operational improvements. 6. Change the name of the MIDD Oversight Committee to the MIDD Advisory Committee.*

Recommended Additional Seats to MIDD Oversight Committee

Please note that the net increase of seats is four after realigning existing seats to reflect organizational changes.

Focus or Population	Specific Entity
<i>Consumers & Communities – 2 Representatives</i>	Elected from Consumers and Communities Subcommittee
<i>Recovery</i>	Washington Recovery Alliance
<i>Education</i>	Puget Sound Educational Services District
<i>Philanthropy</i>	Many Minds Collaborative
<i>Managed Care</i>	Medicaid Managed Care Plans

Finally, through the course of MIDD I review and MIDD II planning, the county received feedback that the name of the MIDD—the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency sales tax and programs—is outdated, negative, disrespectful, and stigmatizing. In essence, the name of the MIDD is not itself recovery based and may be counterproductive to wellness. Changing the name of the MIDD is recommended in the Service Improvement Plan for MIDD II.

We are particularly excited about launching a Consumers and Communities subcommittee as a way to bring in a greater diversity of perspectives and lived experience. The DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan provides much more detail on each of these recommendations.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into developing these recommendations from an array of people: community members, MIDD Oversight Committee members, county staff, and policymakers and separately elected officials have influenced the recommendations outlined today. Thank you to each one of you who participated in one of our 19 community meetings or focus groups, completed a survey, attended a MIDD Oversight Committee meeting, submitted a New Concept, consulted on a briefing paper, or served on one of the four community briefing paper panels. MIDD Renewal work has been intentionally undertaken in a transparent, accessible and participatory way. Our next step in this process is receiving community feedback on the initial draft funding and programmatic recommendations for MIDD II.

Process and Next Steps:

- Public comment on the DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan will be accepted starting today through Thursday, June 30th at 5 PM. Please see the link at the end of this memo.
- The DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan will be discussed at the June 23rd MIDD Oversight Committee meeting. A public comment period is set aside during the meeting for those who sign up at the meeting; two minutes per person, three per group. The meeting is in the Chinook Building, 401 5th Avenue, Rooms 121-123. It starts at 12:15 and is slated to end at 2 PM. Revised DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan will be reviewed by the MIDD Oversight Committee at its July 28th meeting.
- All public feedback will be catalogued, including the names/organizations of those providing feedback. Feedback will be appended and included with the SIP that is transmitted to the Council in August.

Please note that the DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan, including the programmatic recommendations, may be amended or changed by the Executive prior to transmittal to the Council or by the Council during its deliberations.

King County's MIDD II is being developed in a clear and straightforward way: four strategy areas that reflect a continuum from prevention to crisis services, linked to outcomes. We are intentionally collaborating with initiatives like Best Starts for Kids so that we can braid services and funding. MIDD II will focus on increasing diversity and geographic availability of services providers. We are integrating our behavioral health system, working with partners, and "busting silos" so that services are person, not program centered.

Thank you for your ongoing support of King County and of MIDD. We look to you as our partners and stakeholders to help make meaningful improvements to MIDD II implementation that furthers our work to promote opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential. We look forward to hearing from you about the DRAFT MIDD II Service Improvement Plan and MIDD in general.

If you have questions about the Draft MIDD II Service Improvement Plan, please email kelli.carroll@kingcounty.gov or jim.vollendroff@kingcounty.gov.

Kind Regards,
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