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Dear Behavioral Health Partner, Community Members, and Stakeholders,

Much has been happening on the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) renewal front in the last few weeks that I want to update you about!

The King County Council voted on Monday, August 22nd to **EXTEND THE MIDD sales tax!!!** Thank you to the King County Executive and King County Council for their support in continuing this critically important source of funds for behavioral health services and programs.

Yesterday afternoon, the Executive transmitted materials related to the MIDD to the King County Council as required by Ordinance 17998. The materials include:

1. MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan (SIP) and proposed legislation to approve the SIP;
2. Proposed legislation to adopt revised MIDD policy goals; and
3. Proposed legislation to add members to the MIDD Oversight Committee and make other changes to the Committee as outlined in the SIP.

We posted those materials on our MIDD website: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/MIDDrenewal>

In keeping with the process and timeline established for the development of the MIDD SIP, the SIP document transmitted to the Council reflects Executive priorities for the programming and funding of MIDD revenues. In addition to including Executive priorities for the spending of MIDD revenue, adjustments to certain proposed MIDD initiatives have occurred. Please see the attached document "Summary of MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan Changes 8.23.16" for an overview of MIDD SIP changes since July.

The final SIP contains a few other amendments, primarily clarifying the funding policies, also reflected in the summary document.

MIDD SIP and budget next steps are outlined below:

- The King County Council will consider budgeting and allocation of MIDD revenue during the County's 2017-2018 budget process that kicks off at the end of September.
- The MIDD SIP, including funding and programmatic recommendations, may be amended by the Council.
- The King County Council holds public budget hearings with public comment periods. Please check the Council's website for dates, times, and locations
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/council.aspx>
- Final action on the County's budget, and presumably the MIDD budget, is expected in mid-November.

What Happens Now? Now that the SIP and the Retrospective Report have been completed, we are turning our attention to the additional planning and community engagement work needed to implement MIDD 2. The SIP recommends that MIDD 2 Implementation and Evaluation Plans be transmitted to the Council in 2017 (see page 70 of the SIP). To that end, between now and late November when the Council is expected to pass the MIDD 2 budget, as part of the King County Budget process, we are working to delineate what is needed to implement MIDD 2 initiatives. This work includes:

- Developing timelines and processes for the MIDD 2 Implementation and Evaluation Plans. Please note that the MIDD Oversight (Advisory) Committee will be involved in the development of the recommended MIDD 2 Implementation and Evaluation Plans
- Identifying initiatives that may have changes to the Request for Proposal (RFP) approach or may be re-RFPd and timelines
- Determining what initiatives may require specific community engagement
- Creating the processes and timelines for standing up the new Consumers and Communities Ad Hoc Work Group of the MIDD Oversight (Advisory) Committee
- Outlining the process and timeline for the MIDD name change
- Developing an outreach and communication approach that continues to share information in transparent and timely ways with providers and broader communities
- Finalize protocols and processes around the Services Stabilization Pool

Services Stabilization Approach: MIDD communication materials distributed to you throughout this year identified that the County established a MIDD Services Stabilization Pool to ensure that services continue for a period of time as MIDD 1 programs are merged with new initiatives or are re-RFPd. The most important take away for providers is that MIDD funds won't end on 12/31/16 should the decision to re-RFP a service be made. As we have stated in our MIDD communication updates, it is our goal that the people served by MIDD supported programs will experience little or no service disruptions during MIDD transition.

As noted, we are still developing the details on what services will be re-RFPd and when, as well as our protocols around Services Stabilization. Our commitment to you is that we will share with you information as quickly as possible. If there is a decision to re-RFP or initiate other changes that may impact contracts or services, the County will communicate with providers and seek to collaboratively develop a timeline.

The MIDD Service Improvement Plan outlines a comprehensive approach to creating improvements across the continuum of the behavioral health system by continuing successful MIDD 1 (2008-2016) programs and adding 21 recommended new initiatives. Improvements will be achieved by building on the groundbreaking partnership between health and human services, criminal justice, King County government and community providers that is the hallmark of King County's MIDD. The recommended initiatives, policies and processes that comprise the MIDD are reflected in the MIDD Service Improvement Plan:

- Informed by community and MIDD Oversight Committee input
- Grounded in King County's Equity and Social Justice work
- Driven by outcomes
- Guided by the behavioral health continuum of care
- Aligned with other King County policy initiatives

Thank you for your ongoing support of King County and of MIDD. We look to you as our partners and stakeholders to help us implement MIDD 2. We continue to look to MIDD to deliver on outcomes and transform the approach to health and human services by improving health and well-being and creating conditions that allow residents of King County to achieve their full potential.

Please find all relevant MIDD renewal materials here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/MIDDrenewal>

If you have questions about the Service Improvement Plan, please email

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Kind Regards,
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