

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes February 25, 2021, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Meeting held via Zoom

Members/ Designees:	Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri, Co-Chair Judge Ketu Shah, Councilmember Brenda Fincher, Mayor Lynne Robinson, Jeff Sakuma, Mario Paredes, Sunny Lovin, Victor Loo, Fartun Mohamed, Anita Khandelwal, Joshua Wallace, Barbara Miner, Anthony Austin, Laura Merchant, Muguette Guenneguez, Jorene Reiber, Christina Mason designee for Barbara Miner, Brad Finegood designee for Patty Hayes, Mayor Gary Harris, Tara Urs designee for Anita Khandelwal, Brooke Evans designee for Darcy Jaffe, Don Clayton designee for Karen Brady, Leesa Manion designee for Dan Satterberg, Danielle Burt designee for Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke
Other Attendees:	Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Kimberly Cisson, Chelsea Walch, Sam Porter, Scott Miller, Susan Shoeld, Kelli Nomura, Lisa Floyd, Halima Lozano, Steve Andryszewksi, Nicholas Makhani, Kapena Pflum, Denise Hawthorne, Steve Gustavson, Alex O'Reilly, Barbie Young, Madeline Cavazos, Dave Murphy, Amy Decker, Marcus Stubblefield, Dylan Brown, Larry Ferguson, Safiyah Hersi-Dhooye, Diana Phibbs, Lan Nguyen, Patty Noble-Desy

Notes by: Chelsea Walch

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
Welcome	Co-Chair Judge Ketu Shah began the meeting by greeting everyone and acknowledging that King County is on the traditional land of the Duwamish Tribe. Co-Chair Judge Shah provided an overview of how to use Zoom features and meeting logistics for members and other participants.	
Member/Staff Announcements	Robin Pfohman reminded those MIDD AC members that have not yet completed/returned their financial disclosure form for this year to please do so.	
	Robin announced an update that the May and June meetings will be merged to accommodate the annual report review. The combined May/June meeting is scheduled to take place on June 10 th .	
Review/Approve Meeting Notes	Following two requested edits, the January meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
Equity Grounding Moment	Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri introduced the equity grounding moment and invited volunteers to share any recent experience or observation where equity was at the forefront within their organization or community.	
	Brad Finegood shared his experience participating in a conversation, led by King County's Shukri Olow earlier in the week, with the East African community on overdose prevention. He shared that there was a treatment provider there from Minnesota, home to a large East African community, talking about overdose prevention, mental wellness, and addressing existing stigma. Brad expressed his gratitude for that conversation and being able to participate.	
Public Comment	Co-Chair Judge Shah invited anyone who was interested to sign up in the chat box. There was no request for public comment.	
MIDD Financial Report	Barbara Donahue presented some highlights from Financial Plan through December 2020. She called attention to the 'Estimated' column. She expressed that the year is ending in a more positive position than anticipated. The main takeaways being that the revenue came in very close to the budget, or the updated expectations that were revised earlier in the year, as a result of the pandemic. Expenses came in lower than the budget,	

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	primarily due to reduced services during the pandemic. \$2 million has been reserved for invoices yet to be processed for 2020, which can be seen in the	
	'Reserved' section.	
	Barbara shared that there is a \$1 million undesignated fund balance. It has been discussed in prior meetings that if the financial position of the MIDD was more positive at the end of the year, the priority would be to add funds back to initiatives that were previously cut, and in doing so seek recommendations for prioritizing from the MIDD Advisory Committee.	
	Judge Shah asked Barbara if she was suggesting that the AC may need to develop recommendations related to programs to prioritize for funding to be returned to their budgets. Steve Andryszewski shared that the AC should start that process of developing recommendations and that the County will use the AC priorities to inform how and which initiatives will be restored.	
	Judge Shah expressed that it would be a good idea to get a head start on that process, as it would give the MIDD AC some space to make recommendations/comments. He asked for a working document containing a list of the programs that were cut and the amount of funding that was cut from each program, to aid the AC in prioritizing based on member input.	Steve said that he will work with others to put that
	Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri suggested that it might be a good opportunity for the AC to apply some of the principles or equity that they've been talking about as they look at this and put in the forefront the Equity Framework the AC has been moving forward.	together and have it ready for review at the next Steering Committee meeting.
Criminal Legal System Overview	Marcus Stubblefield, Criminal Justice Strategy and Policy Section Manager for the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget in the King County Executive Office, presented a Criminal System Overview. Through this presentation, Marcus shared the Criminal Justice Unit's Vision, Mission, and Philosophy in relation to King County's criminal justice system and addressed the complex challenges it faces.	
Related MIDD Initiatives	Victor Loo, Director of Practice Innovation at Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS), presented two MIDD initiatives:	
	1) RR-02 Behavioral Health Services at Community Center for Alternative Programs (CCAP), which provides mental health (MH) services at the CCAP venue in downtown Seattle for non-Medicaid enrolled participants.	
	2) RR-15 South King County Pretrial Services, which is focused on providing substance use disorder (SUD) and MH services to non-Medicaid enrolled participants, targeting criminal justice involved individuals living in and with community ties to the South King County area.	
Questions and Answers	There was a question for Victor to speak to the diversity of the people he is working with. Victor answered that South King County is very diverse, and the access and disparity issues are also higher there. A majority of the clients for these two programs are from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) communities.	

	Mayor Robinson asked 1) how can Bellevue attract MIDD funding to support a program like this there; and 2) if a person is from South King County and commits a legal offense in Bellevue, where would they access these services? Victor responded that he would refer to the County about how to increase access and expansion of MIDD funding for programs. He did note that individuals, regardless of their location, can receive behavioral health services from their facility in South King County.	
	Mayor Robinson expressed an interest to have this kind of service for individuals in East King County. Victor shared that ACRS has a Bellevue office that provides behavioral health services. CM Lambert expressed that she too was interested in getting the services in East King County. She shared that Kent is a great starting point due to the needs beings so high there. She said she is also interested in sharing of materials or other ways for people to increase their cultural competency. Co-chair Claudia D'Allegri shared that working on understanding culturally competency and cultural humility are on the workplan for the AC.	
	Mayor Gary Harris asked if there are any facilities or programs in North King County that are similar. Marcus responded that right now there is not the scale in North King County as there is in South King County. He said there are conversations being had about expanding in different areas and it depends on identifying a community provider that can hold the space and be able to deliver the appropriate services in that area.	
	Judge Shah asked Marcus whether the Executive has a top three or four areas that they want to focus on and spend energy and resources towards. Marcus stated that because of the pandemic, number one overall would be to keep the Average Daily Population in the jails low. Second is to have an impact on the racial and ethnic disparity that exists in the criminal legal system. Third would be to get services upstream so people get what they need and don't have to resort to things like committing crimes. Marcus also touched on a program in-the-making that the Executive is focusing on called Community-Based Diversion which treats low-level, non-violent crimes as restorative learning and healing opportunities rather than punishing behavior.	
	It was announced that there is a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the Behavioral Health Services at Community Center for Alternative Programs program coming out in 2022.	
Agenda Items for February Meeting	Please email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the March meeting.	
Adjourned	1:10 PM	
Next meeting	Thursday, March 25, 2021, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Zoom	