



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, Joshua Wallace, Barbara Miner, Anthony Austin, Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke, Laura Merchant, Trenecsia Wilson, Mayor Gary Harris, Christina Mason designee for Barbara Miner, Brad Finegood designee for Patty Hayes, Tara Urs designee for Anita Khandelwal, Brooke Evans designee for Darcy Jaffe, Danielle Burt designee for Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke

Other Attendees: Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Kimberly Cisson, Chelsea Walch, Scott Miller, Kelli Carroll, Steve Andryszewski, Isabel Jones, Nicholas Makhani, Denise Hawthorne, Alex O’Reilly, Madeline Cavazos, Dave Murphy, Amy Decker, Larry Ferguson, Lan Nguyen, Laura Smith, Leandra Craft, Marc Seligson, Sherry McCabe, Barbara Tengtio, Daniel Story, Ely Hernandez, Heather Venegas, Jorene Reiber, Melet Whinston, Alexis Mercedes-Rinck, Barb Donahue, Deborah Stake, Jennifer Wyatt, Peggy Papsdorf, Laura Van Tosh

Notes by: Chelsea Walch

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
Welcome	<p>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.</p> <p>Judge Shah welcomed new member, Trenecsia Wilson, representing a provider of domestic violence prevention services in King County on the AC.</p>	
Member/Staff Announcements	<p>Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman made an announcement that the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division is working on a new survey to get recommendations on behavioral health services in rural areas of King County. He posted the link to the survey in the chat and encouraged everyone to share with their networks.</p> <p>Robin Pfohman made an announcement to members that have not yet submitted their financial disclosure forms, to please return those as soon as possible to remain in compliance with board requirements.</p>	
Review/Approve Meeting Notes	<p>The February meeting notes were approved by consensus.</p>	
Equity Grounding Moment	<p>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.</p> <p>Mario Paredes shared his thoughts on recent incidents affecting the Asian and Pacific Islander Community. He noted that while one individual in particular may not be affected due to privilege, it is affecting all of the communities that are a part of the community and the network and receiving services, so people should be conscious and continue to provide support as a community and as a MIDD committee.</p>	

	<p>Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegrì added to Mario’s comment by bringing awareness to the fact that these recent events have really impacted the way immigrants and people of color view their surroundings and relate on a daily basis.</p>	
Public Comment	<p>Co-Chair Judge Shah invited anyone interested to sign up in the chat box.</p> <p>Laura Van Tosh announced that on March 30, the Washington Legislative and Policy Advocates will be hosting a Zoom event called “Lived Experience and Policy Development”, which will include a national panel. Laura also announced that she is involved in a homelessness outreach endeavor to figure ways to ensure vaccination of the homeless community in King County.</p> <p>Heather Venegas, Director of the King County Recovery Coalition (KCRC), announced a couple projects and events they are working on. There is a community listening session on Saturday, March 27th from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Registration is at KCrecovery.org and anyone in the King County community is welcome to join. Heather also thanked everyone that was a part of the nomination process for the Gratitude for the Frontlines campaign. She announced that KCRC will be hosting a session in May to celebrate all the nominees.</p>	
MIDD Financial Report	<p>Steve Andryszewski introduced Nicholas Makhani, Department of Community and Human Services Finance Controller, who presented the financial report. Nicholas pointed everyone’s attention to Column 1 of the MIDD Financial Report, the 2019-2020 actuals. There’s a contingency reserve of \$2 million, the purpose of which is to capture any 2020 invoices that may still be submitted. There is an undesignated fund balance of \$13.7 million at the end of the 2020 biennium.</p> <p>Steve pointed out that the revenues ended up with \$14 million higher in ’19-’20 than reported last month, because an additional sales tax payment was received in late February. The last report reflected a \$1 million undesignated fund balance for ’19-’20, but now there is a \$13.7 million undesignated fund balance. He noted that this is an unusually high amount, but that due to COVID-19, 2020 was very unusual.</p> <p>Mario Paredes asked if the new funding will allow the committee to restore some of the reductions that were exclusive to the non-Medicaid programs.</p> <p>Pointing to the 2021-2022 adopted budget, Nick noted that the revenues were \$140.2 million and that was based on the August 2022 Office of Economic Forecasting projections of the sales tax revenues for this biennium. Nicholas pointed out that everyone will see the estimated revenues have increased to \$146.6 million, based on a forecast that came out a few weeks ago on new sales tax projections. Estimated expenditures are still the same and they are still projecting at that pace, the undesignated fund balance is now projected at \$8.8 million.</p>	<p>Steve said that last month, one of the things that was promised was a list of initiatives that were reduced to COVID-19 and that the MIDD Advisory Committee should start doing the</p>

	<p>Brad Finegood asked a question about the potential under expenditure going against the total of the unallocated money. Steve answered that this is an estimated under expenditure and that during this period they are being conservative with the spending and estimates.</p> <p>Steve answered a question from Mayor Lynne Robinson. He stated the changes did all come in 2020, but since they report on a biennial period, it all gets lumped in the biennium. The reductions and last-minute sales tax all occurred in 2020, not 2019.</p>	<p>work of prioritizing initiatives that would be restored.</p>
<p>MIDD Steering Committee Report</p>	<p>Judge Shah introduced the MIDD Steering Committee Report. He noted that the committee had a good discussion about how to approach the issue Mario Paredes raised earlier regarding funds that were reduced due to COVID being reinstated.</p> <p>Steve Andryszewski presented an overview of the spreadsheet attached to the meeting packet, which contained a list of all MIDD initiatives and the '19-'20 adjusted biennial budget. He pointed out that there is a roughly \$7 million dollar variance in the budget, so there is an opportunity to prioritize certain initiatives that received reductions.</p> <p>Councilmember Kathy Lambert pointed out one of the initiatives on the spreadsheet, Community Court, and how important it is due to the backlog of court cases for community court issues. She commented that Community Court is doing an excellent job of helping people who have been waiting for justice get it as fast as possible, so helping the Community Court would be a good use of those funds.</p> <p>Judge Shah went over the series of questions that the Steering Committee formulated for everyone to ask of their constituents to get input as to what the restorations might look like.</p> <p>Mayor Robinson wondered if the prioritization includes emerging issues, all communities are challenged to address the homeless problem, everyone will need to have access to the programs. She also mentioned that some of these initiatives and programs have come to a natural ending, and thus some won't even be considered for restoration, emphasizing that not all programs/initiatives are going to be considered.</p>	<p>The Steering Committee will send out the finalized questions after the meeting to all AC members to use as a template to talk amongst their community members with the hope of coming back to the April meeting with that data so as to really be able to prioritize the restorations.</p>
<p>American Rescue Plan</p>	<p>Steve Andryszewski presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act's proposed budget and what the changes relating to funding means and how those funds will be utilized. He discussed the King County Executive's</p>	

	<p>\$600 million supplemental budget proposal, which includes \$437 million from ARPA and \$247 million from FEMA. Main goals for the proposal include \$116 million for vaccination programs, \$84 million for contact-tracing and mobile health units, \$1.8 million to extend safe start taverns and restraint outreach and education, \$6 million for childcare services, \$1.5 million to support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, \$100 million for housing stability, \$63 million for emergency homeless response and related behavioral health services. Additional behavioral health programs for the rural areas of King County have also been proposed.</p> <p>Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegrì noted that communities of color have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and specifically having issues getting vaccinated. She asked if there is anywhere in this funding that the AC can look at those issues of equity of services for people of color. Steve noted that there is funding for business and economic resiliency and a community led process to invest in economic opportunities for black indigenous and person of color is planned. He stated these are all just proposed budgets and have yet to be finalized, which will happen in the next few weeks.</p>	
<p>Initiative Briefing: SI-03 Quality Coordinated Outpatient Care</p>	<p>Isabel Jones, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD), began the presentation on the SI-03 Quality Coordinated Outpatient Care initiative, the goal of which is to improve health outcomes for clients by assisting them to achieve greater stability and recovery and by supporting the provision of quality ongoing care and responsive crisis services. This initiative was created in collaboration with providers in the King County Integrated Care Network. She encouraged any questions, feedback, and input that anyone wants to provide regarding this program.</p> <p>Dr. Melet Whinston walked through the basics of the Outreach and Engagement Incentive, including the intent and performance measures.</p> <p>Judge Shah asked if there was an estimate of what the population is, in terms of numbers. Dr. Whinston answered that the percentages range by agency, as each agency differs by the target population, so it does vary by population.</p> <p>Mario Paredes asked what formula will be used to distribute the funding in an equal manner. Dr. Whinston responded that all agencies will get a base allotment of units, and then the remainder will be distributed based on the size of the population, to ensure that every agency gets an allocation and then additional funds allocated based on the clients they serve. Mario asked how soon agencies will be notified so they can do their own planning. Dr. Whinston said that they have been reviewing this at each month’s meeting and will eventually publish a guide, so every agency has the instructions. The plan is to distribute the number of units by the 3rd week of April.</p> <p>Dr. Whinston encouraged people to email her directly with any questions about how an agency can get involved.</p>	

Legislative Update	Isabel Jones presented the legislative update. She highlighted key items from the proposed budgets that were recently released: The House Capital Budget and the Senate Operating Budget. She also walked through two important bills: House Bill 1477 which is highly relevant to the crisis hotlines and national suicide prevention hotlines by implementing the one-number 998 system; and Senate Bill 5476 which is related to the recent decision by the Washington State Supreme Court regarding personal use amounts of substances and will work to further decriminalization of personal use amounts.	
Agenda Items for May/June Meeting	Please email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the May/June meeting.	
Adjourned	1:25 PM	
Next meeting	Thursday, April 22, 2021, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Zoom	