



*Members/ Designees:* Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegri, Councilmember Brenda Fincher, Mayor Lynne Robinson, Jeff Sakuma, Sunny Lovin, Victor Loo, Mario Paredes, Joshua Wallace, Darcy Jaffe, Laura Merchant, Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke, Trenecsia Wilson, Mayor Gary Harris, Judge Susan Mahoney, Christina Mason designee for Barbara Miner, Brad Finegood designee for Patty Hayes, Tara Urs designee for Anita Khandelwal, Danielle Burt designee for Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke

*Other Attendees:* Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Kimberly Cisson, Leo Flor, Chelsea Walch, Halima Lozano, Kelli Nomura, Deborah Stake, Lisa Floyd, Marc Seligson, Barb Donahue, Steve Andryszewski, Chelsea Baylan, Isabel Jones, Nicholas Makhani, Alex O’Reilly, Madeline Cavazos, Leesa Manion, Kapena, Pflum, Emily Heatherington, Barbara Tengtio, Ely Hernandez, Jorene Reiber, Alexis Mercedes-Rinck, Leandra Craft, Sam Porter, Susan Shoeld, Diana Phibbs, Dylan Brown, Emmy McConnell, Jill Thomas, Scott Miller

*Notes by:* Chelsea Walch

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
<b>Welcome</b>	Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegri began the meeting by greeting everyone and acknowledged that the meeting usually begins with recognizing that King County is on the traditional land of the Duwamish Tribe. She informed everyone that King County received an email from the King County Native American Leadership Council suggesting that groups pause in honoring the land at this time. More guidance from Native leaders is being sought. Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegri mentioned that this email could be shared with the Committee as an item on the agenda for next month. Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegri provided an overview of how to use Zoom features and meeting logistics for members and other participants.	Email from Tribe to be shared as an item on July 22 meeting agenda
<b>Health Through Housing Initiative – MIDD Alignment</b>	<p>Leo Flor, Director of the Department of Community and Human Services, provided an update on the countywide Health Through Housing Initiative. This initiative will bring inside 1600 people who are at-risk or experiencing chronic homelessness and bring them into a new category of housing called Emergency Housing. The plan is to get that done by October 2022. Leo discussed how the drivers of homelessness are increasing. He touched upon the King County Eviction and Rental Assistance Program as an example of a program to prevent homelessness, with it paying rent for 9,000 people when it opened last year, when a total of 25,000 households that contacted them.</p> <p>Leo Flor shared that Health Through Housing is a countywide sales tax, a sort of “cousin” to MIDD, that comes from the same baseline state statute (1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1%) sales tax. The sales tax will generate approximately between \$50 and \$55 million a year which will be bonded against to bring forward \$345 million. Leo Flor touched upon the County’s plan to purchase hotels or other single-room settings across the county.</p> <p>Eligibility would require that somebody be experiencing chronic homelessness, which is a federal term, that means someone has a disabling condition and have been homeless for at least 12 months or have experienced homelessness 3 times in the past 3 years or be at risk of chronic homelessness. A person’s income must be between zero to 30% AMI (Average Median Income).</p>	

	<p>Joshua Wallace asked a question about whether the behavioral health teams on-site will include peers. Leo Flor acknowledged that they still have to develop what the service package looks like, but the team understands there isn't any effective behavioral health intervention that doesn't involve peers on some level.</p> <p>A question was asked as to what the range of eligibility is, in terms of age. Leo Flor answered that there is no age eligibility.</p> <p>Mayor Lynne Robinson asked what needs to be done to prioritize the school kids living as homeless in King County. Mayor Robinson touched upon the fact that Bellevue has school children and their families that are experiencing homelessness and she wondered what can be done to get those children stable housing so they can learn and succeed. Leo Flor indicated that there is no other factor stronger on why there are hundreds of kids outside than the lack of affordable housing and there are more people in need than there is available housing at this time.</p>	
<b>Review/Approve Meeting Notes</b>	The April meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
<b>Equity Grounding Moment</b>	<p>Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri introduced the equity grounding moment and invited volunteers to share an equitable moment they experienced recently.</p> <p>Victor Loo volunteered to share, acknowledging that June is Pride Month. Victor stated that the lifespan of a black transgender woman is 35 years old, over 30 states have introduced bills in the U.S. to cut the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals. Victor implored that as Pride is celebrated this month, people think about equity, and that he believes that Pride truly cannot be celebrated until there is justice and equity for everyone in light of Black Lives Matter and the Anti-Asian hate crimes.</p>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p>Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri invited anyone interested to sign up in the chat box.</p> <p>Brad Finegood, Public Health, made a comment regarding the King County Recovery Coalition. As a proud ally of the LGBTQ+ community, he announced that the King County Recovery Coalition is having a presentation highlighting pride and recovery: recovery stories, recovery journeys and recovery struggles of the LGBTQ+ community. Brad invited anyone who wants to join to do so and advised that he put a link for the virtual webinar in the chat.</p>	
<b>MIDD Financial Report and Budget Next Steps</b>	Barb Donahue presented the current MIDD Financial Report highlights. Barb indicated that the forecast is on track. They received \$5.7 million in revenue collections and are forecasted to receive \$146 million. Updated revenue forecasts will be available in July. The forecasted revenue and forecasted expenditures and the undesignated fund balance are the same since the Committee met in March. Barbara touched on the 2021 second omnibus schedule: the agency submittal is July 16 through August 2021, and the Executive Office will review August 9 through September 3. The transmittal to the King County Council will be September 9 <sup>th</sup> .	

	<p>Mayor Lynne Robinson asked a question regarding the additional funds and if they expect that there is going to be an opportunity to restore funds to agencies that experienced reductions. Robin Pfohman responded that they are still anticipating that there won't necessarily be enough dollars to restore every single initiative that was cut. Over the course of the next year, they will be doing the math to better understand the opportunities available.</p> <p>Brad Finegood mentioned at the last Committee meeting they talked about the transfer to the Behavioral Health Fund. Steve Andryszewski clarified that the transfer to the Behavioral Health Fund is set aside specifically and will be shown on the Financial Plan going forward.</p> <p>Robin Pfohman shared an update on the initiative restoration discussions. She reminded members of the poll of the AC priorities at the last meeting. Robin shared that she met with each of the MIDD contract leads within the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) to understand the current situation with the existing initiatives. Robin indicated that it is important to consider what is the best timing is for the restorations. An internal process to develop a budget submittal will consider the feedback from the MIDD contract leads and the MIDD Advisory Committee input and principles.</p> <p>Robin Pfohman announced that Steve Andryszewski is leaving the County, and this is his last MIDD Advisory Committee meeting. She thanked him for all his work with regard to MIDD. Steve shared a few words on his time at the County and his departure, and then introduced the new interim Chief Financial Officer, Emmy McConnell.</p>	<p>BHRD will provide the AC with updates and have a conversation around what the recommendations will be at the next meeting on 7/22, prior to submitting to the Executive.</p>
<p><b>2020 MIDD Annual Report Review and Discussion</b></p>	<p>Kimberly Cisson provided an overview of the draft 2020 MIDD Annual Report, highlighting the overall theme for this year: resilience. Kimberly shared that they made some design changes within the report this year including- migrating from a hard paper copy such as in previous years to a digital PDF version that allows for more pages. This longer version allows for meeting the ordinance requirements for the report and gives readers the information that they need. Additionally, the annual report will now be interactive, including features like clickable links, which is an advantage it had not had previously.</p> <p>Halima Lozano, Evaluation Lead for MIDD, went over the five main policy goals. She discussed the policy goals and results of their progress towards those goals. She introduced a new measure for juvenile charges and referrals and based on 2 years of baseline information they were able to find that 76% of eligible participants had no new juvenile legal system referrals or charges since enrollment. Additionally, they have started to measure youth crisis differently than in the past – changing it to be a bit more comprehensive and allowing more youth to meet eligibility criteria. Such that 91% of youth participating in the crisis programming had no crisis events in the 12 months following their enrollment. Halima went over other aspects of the annual report, including MIDD strategy areas and success</p>	

	<p>stories, which discusses each initiative and the ordinance-required targets for each.</p> <p>Marc Seligson, the new communications person with the BHRD team, provided some insights into the future now that the annual report is transitioning into an interactive digital format. While still in the early phases, they are starting to visualize this as one tool that is part of a broader communications plan, with the goal to have deeper storytelling and go beyond the traditional paper-format audience. This will reach more people, creating connections and building awareness about MIDD and providers, and provide links to useful information on a more comprehensive level.</p> <p>Kimberly answered a question about the Council District Map, which is based on where services are provided rather than physical office locations. An organization may be in one area but provide services countywide. Kimberly shared that the MIDD Steering Committee feedback has brought up the possibility of including an interactive map in the future digital version.</p>	
<b>MIDD AC Equity Framework Update</b>	<p>Brad Finegood went over feedback related to the role of the Advisory Committee with regard to the Equity Framework to see if there were any concerns with a minor edit. Initially, Goal D's Actions/Activities stated, in part: "Engage community partners in participatory budget and policy development process". The Steering Committee recommended a change to this language to align with the role of the Advisory Committee, which does not make budget decisions. The suggested change is: "Engage community partners in making budget recommendations and in policy development". There were no objections/comments regarding that change, and it was deemed appropriate.</p>	
<b>Agenda Items for July Meeting</b>	<p>Please email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the July meeting.</p>	
<b>Adjourned</b>	<p>1:25 PM</p>	
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>Thursday, July 22, 2021, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Zoom</p>	