

MIDD Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes

April 28, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Members access meeting via Zoom Non-members access meeting via <u>PublicInput</u>

Attendance: S. Members/ 1. Designees 2.

Seats	Members	Designees
1-King County District Court	Hon. Matthew York	
2-King County Department of Judicial Administration	🛛 Barbara Miner	Christina Mason
3-King County Regional Homelessness Authority	Vacant	
4-King County Uniting for Youth	⊠Jorene Reiber	Paul Daniels
5-King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	□Dan Satterberg	□Carla Lee □Leesa Manion
6-Department of Public Health	Dennis Worsham	□Brad Finegood
7-King County Department of Public Defense	🗆 Anita Khandelwal	□Katie Hurley ⊠Tara Urs
8-King County Superior Court	🛛 Hon. Ketu Shah	
9-King County Department of Community and Human Services	Leo Flor	□Kelli Nomura
10-King County Council	🛛 Sarah Perry	🛛 Osman Salahuddin
11-King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	□ Steve Larsen	
12-the Executive	□Kelli Carroll	
13-King County Sheriff's Office	Patti Cole-Tindall	Mark Ellerbrook
14-King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	□ Stacey Devenney	
15-Puget Sound Educational Services District	🖾 Minu Ranna Stewart	
16-Community Health Council	□Claudia D'Allegri	
17-Harborview Medical Center	Sunny Lovin	
18-bona fide labor organization	Vacant	
19-City of Seattle	⊠Jeff Sakuma	
20-provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County	Vacant	
21-provider of sexual assault victim services in King County	Laura Merchant	⊠ George Gonzalez
22-domestic violence prevention services in King County	Trenecsia Wilson	 Carlin Yoophum Alicia Glenwell
23-agency providing mental health and chemical dependency services to youth	□ Anthony Austin	
24-National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	⊠Jeremiah Bainbridge	□(Katie Mahoney)
25-provider of culturally specific chemical dependency services in King County	Mario Paredes	
26-organization with expertise in helping individuals with behavioral health needs in King County get jobs and live independent lives	□Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke	□Danielle Burt
27-representative from the Sound Cities Association	Brenda Fincher	□Chris Stearns
28-City of Bellevue	Lynne Robinson	Helena Stephens
29-provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in King County	⊠Karen Brady	Don Clayton
30-King County Hospitals	□ Darcy Jaffe	□Brooke Evans
31-philanthropic organization	Vacant	

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32-organization with expertise in	□Joshua Wallace	□Cody West
recovery		
33-managed care organizations	□Jessica Molberg	
operating in King County		
34-grassroots organization serving a	Fartun Mohamed	Rowaida Mohammed
cultural population		
35-Unincorporated King County	🖾 Laura Smith	
36-An individual representing behavioral	Vacant	
health consumer interests from the		
mental illness and drug dependency		
advisory committee's consumers and		
communities ad hoc work group		
37-An individual representing	Vacant	
community interests from the mental		
illness and drug dependency advisory		
committee's consumers and		
communities ad hoc work group		
28 Filled Seats; Quorum = 15	13 members	7 designees
2 Nominations in process	1 impending member	(5 standing in for member)
7 Vacant Seats		(5 standing in for member)

Attendance:King County staff: Rebecca Roy, Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Chelsea Walch, Isabel Jones, Scott Miller,OthersBrandi DeFazio, Chris Grier, Emmy McConnell, Halima Lozano

Other: Ryan Robertson

NOTE: Non-members joined via PublicInput.

Notes by: Chelsea Walch

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
Welcome	Co-Chair Judge Ketu Shah began the meeting by welcoming attendees and covering meeting logistics for members and other participants.	
	Robin Pfohman reminded everyone that this is the last meeting in which PublicInput will be used and the meetings will go back to using Zoom for all participants in the future. Pfohman stated that from a staffing perspective, PublicInput requires more staff capacity to implement. Pfohman will work with the Co-Chairs to encourage active participation only by members on Zoom at future meetings.	
Review/Approve Meeting Notes	Co-Chair Judge Shah gave everyone a moment to review the draft March meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
Equity Focus Moment	Co-Chair Judge Shah introduced the Equity Grounding Moment, an opportunity for members to share a recent experience where equity was in the forefront, either in their organization or in the community.	
	Co-Chair Judge Shah shared his recent experience surrounding the new addition to the Supreme Court, Ketanji Brown Jackson - specifically the impact of her confirmation hearing on his friends and colleagues of color. Co-Chair Judge Shah talked mentioned that while it was inspiring for many	

	people to see this young woman's accomplishments and intellectual capability, it was deeper for his Black friends and colleagues, particularly Black women who have done work in their own communities in a variety of careers, because it was a real personal validation for them. Co-Chair Judge Shah shared how he was struck by speaking with them and hearing their reflections and their feelings of being validated. He discussed how it was powerful on a personal and local level to have our community impacted by this event.
	Co-Chair Laura Smith shared that her organization, through BSK capacity building grants, engaged a consulting company to help develop more equitable hiring practices so their staff better reflect the demographics of the community served in the Snoqualmie Valley. Co-Chair Smith shared a couple tips learned through that experience:
	 First tip is having someone remove personal details from the resume prior to the initial read Second tip is to illustrate your commitment to diversity and conclusion (i.e., website, top of job announcement, etc.) Third tip is to invite applications and resumes from people who might be a good fit through wording in the job announcement ("If you think you might be a good fit for the role but don't necessarily meet all job requirements, please still apply")
Public Comment	There was no request for public comment.
MIDD Financial Report	Scott Miller, King County Department of Human Community Services (DCHS) Business and Finance Officer IV, provided an update on the financial plan. Miller presented the March 2022 Financial Plan.Miller shared that the March 2022 Financial Plan reflects actual biennial revenue and expenses through March 31, 2022. There are no changes to the estimated '21/'22 biennial expenses or revenues. They have updated planning assumptions for inflationary factors that have been revised up. The impact is that this increase in costs represents added expense to the '23/'24 & '25/'26 budgets to maintain current service levels. This is part of their routine process, and the planning assumptions are typically updated.Co-Chair Judge Shah asked if the forecast of sales tax projections is in July, as they are usually updated quarterly. Scott Miller responded that Revenue projections are provided three times a year by the Office of Economic and
	Financial Analysis. There will be updates to planning assumptions for inflationary factors in the expense section, which is developed by the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget to help plan for future expenses. Co- Chair Judge Shah asked how often that is updated, as inflation has been

	changing recently, and whether the reserves are adjusted as a result. Miller responded that it is quarterly and is worth highlighting because there's been a significant increase in what they are seeing in expenses for '23/'24 and '25/'26. Miller stated that current revenue supports the reserves and expenses, and what is projected provides for programming and covers the inflationary factors. What is shown currently covers everything in MIDD programming and the required reserves.	
Advisory Committee – MIDD Fund Ad Hoc Workgroup	Co-Chair Judge Shah introduced the topic regarding the establishment of the MIDD Fund Ad Hoc Workgroup. He mentioned that the Steering Committee is working with BHRD to develop a more proactive and transparent process to include Advisory Committee members in making funding recommendations, whether it's through MIDD underspend or the Emerging Issues initiative.	
	Co-Chair Laura Smith advised that the purpose of the Ad Hoc Workgroup is to develop an approach to solicit proposals from Advisory Committee members and constituents for consideration, first by the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division leadership. The Ad Hoc Workgroup will consider how to reduce and eliminate concerns related to any potential conflicts of interest. It is anticipated that the recommendation process will apply the MIDD AC prioritized principles to determine which proposal to put forward. The planning process will likely beginning mid-late July 2022 and they are looking for ideally 5-8 volunteers who are willing to participate in the ad hoc workgroup. Co-Chair Smith is one of the volunteers. It will consist of 1-3 meetings and then they will reach the point of reviewing proposals and doing prioritization for consideration.	
	Councilmember Sarah Perry asked if it is appropriate for Councilmembers to participate in this group. Co-Chair Smith said she would be welcome to participate, as a member of the MIDD Advisory Committee. Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman and Robin Pfohman confirmed.	
	Co-Chair Smith expressed that it would be useful to have Councilmember Perry participate in the workgroup as a representative of the King County Council, because there has been some tension in the past between the AC feeling like the AC have not been given the opportunity to advise. Councilmember Perry advised that she would be honored and interested to see how she can put "teeth" into whatever work they are doing.	
	Robin Pfohman shared slides and referred briefly to the System Improvement Plan, which articulates very clear guidelines around establishing the Emerging Issues initiative. Pfohman indicated this would establish a process to proactively identify short-term funding priorities, acknowledging that MIDD is so forecast/revenue dependent that it's hard	

to plan over multiple years. While new initiatives may not be considered, there are opportunities to try to expand existing initiatives.

Pfohman stated that in terms of the Emerging Needs initiative, the System Improvement Plan calls for the allocation of \$650,000 annually to the initiative, when all reserves have been met. BHRD is wanting to create a process where they are proactively partnering with everyone and with leadership to make sure that those dollars are getting where they need to be.

Co-Chair Smith advised anyone else that would like to join the workgroup to put it in the chat box. The first step will be to coordinate a meeting when it's convenient for most of the volunteers. Robin will coordinate by sending out a meeting poll.

Robin Pfohman commented that member Brad Finegood had expressed interest, as well as Mayor Robinson.

Trenecsia Wilson volunteered for the workgroup.

Councilmember Perry shared briefly about an effort her office is undertaking related to behavioral health. To get to know the people in the communities and cities in her district, Councilmember Perry has been meeting with each of the mayors, fire chiefs, police chiefs, tribes, and other people working in social services, hospitals, etc. Councilmember Perry wanted to hear the first responder perspective. One of the things repeatedly said is that there is a need for help with behavioral health. Councilmember Perry shared her excitement about these initial conversations and plans to implement a survey aimed at healthcare, nonprofits, hospitals, schools, social workers, etc. and she will be looking at responses and then will see what can be done from a funding standpoint.

Robin Pfohman reminded everyone about the behavioral health-focused equity training on May 23 and May 26. MIDD AC members, designees and staff are prioritized to attend that so make sure to sign up. Pfohman will resend the invite.

Councilmember Perry commented on insurance programs in Washington State that have removed so many behavioral health facilities from options for supportive coverage, even while people were still there. Jeremiah Bainbridge from NAMI Seattle added that a lot of what they see is that diversity of services is what's most likely to help people engage in treatment. There needs to be a wider variety of services covered by

	insurance, but insurance companies are going in the wrong direction and are narrowing down services.	
Initiative Briefing: Older Adult Crisis Intervention/ Geriatric Regional Assessment Team (PRI-04)	Robin Nelson, GRAT Supervisor, and Sabrina Jones, Director of Assistance Services at Sound Services gave the presentation on the Older Adult Crisis Intervention/Geriatric Regional Assessment Team Initiative (PRI-04).GRAT staff provided a brief history on GRAT. In 2020, King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in October 2019 with VSHSL and MIDD Funding. Sound Generations was the agency awarded the contract in 2020. The GRAT team is staffed by supervisor, four GRAT clinicians, an administrative assistant, and an outreach specialist.	
	 GRAT began accepting referrals in August 2020 - performing over 250 assessments in 2020 and 2021, and well as over 700 referrals in those same years. Referrals came from Sound Generations, Adult and Disability Services, Adult Protective Services, senior centers, and hospitals, etc. GRAT's Outreach Specialist was tasked with reaching out to CBOs, culturally specific organizations, faith-based communities, and local community groups. The goals were to: Share information about GRAT and the referral process 	
	 Learn about the needs of older adults in the community Learn what services are currently being offered Develop mutually beneficial relationships Sound Generations has an Elder Council that holds monthly meetings to discuss client trends, emerging issues, potential collaboration, share resources and network. 	
	Ryan Robertson asked if GRAT is offering advanced directives or referrals to services that can help with this. Sabrina answered that since Sound Generations holistically serves older adults, they want to make sure that those people receive everything they qualify for. They offer health and wellness classes, including a program called Senior Rights Assistance that is in the same department as GRAT that helps with advanced directives and power of attorney. Sound Generation can also help with estate planning.	
	Nelson added that while they do refer people for power of attorney and those types of legal services, GRAT is specifically about mental health	

	advanced directives. They are trying to connect older adults with longer term case managers that make sure they get the services they need.	
Agenda Items for May/June Meeting	Email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the May/June 2022 meeting.	
Adjourned	1:30 PM	
Next meeting	Thursday, June 9, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Members, Designees, and non-Members access via Zoom	