

# Emerging Needs Initiative

## Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Service Improvement Plan

As Required by Ordinance 17998

**Emerging Issues:** MIDD 2 is proposed to include an Emerging Issues initiative whereby certain developing programs or services can seek to be funded for up to two years by the MIDD 2.

As was done for certain MIDD 1 strategies, it is recommended that the MIDD Advisory Committee, in partnership with BHRD, develop criteria and processes for recommending to the Executive and the Council how to utilize Emerging Issues funds. Among other criteria to be included:

- Allowable under RCW 82.14.460
- Furthers the MIDD’s continuum of care
- Based on best or promising practices
- Reflects a recovery-oriented system of care
- Demonstrates financial sustainability outside of MIDD revenues.

### Summary of DRAFT MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan Recommendations

*Recommendations that require legislation are noted with “\*”*

Area of Recommendation	SIP Recommendations
MIDD Fund Financial Policies Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revise MIDD Fund reserve policy to be 60 days of expenditure.</li> <li>2. Allocate funds to the Rainy Day Reserve to fully fund the reserve within the current biennium.</li> <li>3. When reserve levels are met, prioritize use of undesignated fund balance as follows:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Allocate funds for provider economic adjustments for the next biennium</li> <li>B. Allocate funds to the Emerging Issues initiative to \$650,000 annually.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Adding, Deleting, or Modifying MIDD Initiatives, Strategies, Services, and Programs or Initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use updated MIDD 1 revision processes for modifying or adjusting MIDD initiatives, strategies, services and programs.</li> <li>2. Utilize Emerging Issues initiative to support emerging services and programs for up to two years.</li> </ol>

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**Emerging Issues Policies and Protocols:** The following outline the key components of the proposed MIDD Emerging Issues initiative.

- A. Emerging Issues funds are one-time funds for one to two years. Emerging Issues funds would not be provided in an ongoing fashion for the concepts.
- B. The Emerging Issues initiative funds would be appropriated periodically during the biennial budget period.
- C. BHRD and the MIDD Advisory Committee would review requests for Emerging Issues funds, recommending to the Executive items to be funded from the Emerging Issues initiative, similar to the existing Fund Balance work group/subcommittee approach.
- D. Emerging Issues schedule would be established so that at least once a year Emerging Issues requests would be considered by the MIDD Advisory Committee.
- E. How and whether programs supported by Emerging Issues funds are evaluated will be included in the MIDD 2 evaluation framework that is planned to be transmitted to the Council in 2017.
- F. A MIDD Advisory Committee workgroup will be established to develop and review criteria and operational details of the Emerging Issues initiative in collaboration with BHRD staff.

The proposed MIDD Emerging Issues initiative recognizes that unexpected behavioral health needs in King County occur. It positions MIDD funds to be deployed in a targeted way to address such issues. The policies and protocols for the proposed Emerging Issues initiative provide a thoughtful and transparent approach to accessing the funds that include MIDD Advisory Committee expert review and recommendation for consideration by the Executive and Council.