



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)  
Oversight Committee (OC)  
November 19, 2009  
11:45-12:15 networking lunch  
12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
King County Chinook Building Room 123  
Meeting Notes**

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**Members:**

Jim Adams, Teresa Bailey, designee for Barbara Miner, Bill Block, Linda Brown, Merrill Cousin, Nancy Dow-Witherbee, Patricia Edmond-Quinn, designee for Norman Johnson, Russ Goedde, designee for V. David Hocraffer, Judge Helen Halpert, Zandrea Hardison, Shirley Havenga, Mike Heinisch, Darcy Jaffe, Bruce Knutson, Judge Barbara Linde, Marilyn Littlejohn, Leesa Manion, designee for Dan Satterberg, Terry Mark, designee for Jackie MacLean, Alex O'Reilly, designee for Councilmember Mike Creighton, Mario Paredes, Sheriff Susan Rahr, Mary Ellen Stone, Dorothy Teeter, designee for David Fleming, Crystal Tetrick, Dwight Thompson, Kathy Van Olst

**Other Attendees:**

Bryan Baird, John Bruels, Krista Camenzind, Tricia Crozier, Elisa Elliott, Melissa Fisher, Laura Garcia, Nora Giesloff, Betsy Graef, Lisa Kimmerly, Andrea LaFazia, Sarah Lapp, A.J. McClure, Brandon Miles, Alessandra Pollack, Aaron Rubardt, Amnon Shoenfeld, Cindy Spanton, Laurie Sylla

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**1. Welcome and Introductions, *Co-Chair Rahr~***

Co-Chair Rahr called the meeting to order, welcoming the committee and introductions were made by each person in attendance.

**2. Approval of the Meeting Notes from the October 22, 2009 Meeting, *Co-Chair Rahr~***

A revision was made to the meeting notes regarding the letter from the Co-Chairs to the Council clarifying that the OC supports the housing project and urges the Council to fund it, but remains silent on where funds could come from.

Minutes were approved as revised by consensus.

**3. MIDD Project Staff Report, *Amnon Shoenfeld & Andrea LaFazia~***

a. Update on City of Tukwila

Amnon reported the Tukwila City Council held a public hearing at City Hall on Monday, November 2, 2009, regarding the Crisis Diversion Facility (CDF) moratorium ordinance. Several OC members spoke at the hearing. Tukwila councilmembers voted unanimously to continue the moratorium through the six month period. The Councilmembers stated that this project was important and a necessary service to help people. Many spoke of their personal experience or involvement, but the Council needed more time to consider the ramifications of having such a facility and the zoning issues that would arise. They continued the moratorium in hopes the OC would have more discussion and a decision would be made based on more information.

Earlier in the week, Amnon met with Brandon Miles, Tukwila Department of Community Development. They discussed building a relationship with trust and information sharing. Amnon reported he provided information and will be providing more in the future. Tukwila will be looking

into how CDF's operate throughout the state. A commitment was made to invite the cities of Tukwila, Skyway, SeaTac, Renton, and Seattle to discuss where the facility may be located, and talks regarding what needs to be in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to build acceptance about a facility being in their jurisdiction.

RFP update: RFP application responses were received and Downtown Emergency Service Center was selected to manage the Crisis Diversion Interim Services. Regarding the other two components of this strategy, the CDF and the crisis intervention teams, it has been decided to rebid those services in hopes of receiving responses that more closely meet project goals.

**Member comments:**

**Merril Cousin:** I guess I'm still unclear how the moratorium affects moving forward

**Annon:** Since we're rebidding two components, we'll be delayed anyway. The hope is it's going to delay us by two or three months. During that time, the moratorium would end six months from September 2009. By the time we finish with the bidding, rebidding and evaluating the proposals, we'll be at the end of the moratorium anyway and hopefully we'll have some resolution and then can proceed.

**Bill Block:** Clarified that the OC never targeted Tukwila as the location and apologized for any misunderstanding.

**Mike Heinisch:** Tukwila has always been supportive of human services and housing and asserted that they're simply being cautious.

b. Legislative Forum Update

Annon invited everyone to attend the 11th Annual King County Legislative Forum, Thursday, December 10, 2009 at St. Marks Cathedral, Bloedel Hall at 6:30 p.m. All King County legislators and congressional representatives are invited to come hear about our legislative priorities and to hear from consumers and family members regarding services that have helped them. This also is an opportunity to have some exchange and hear from the legislators about what the key issues are in the coming legislative session.

There is another big deficit at the state level. Again, we're seeing some proposals to significantly cut mental health & substance abuse services during this legislative session which is the second half of the biennium. In addition to the cuts we got last year, there are more cuts coming and it will put a lot of what we're trying to do at risk. Please consider coming. We're very honored to have Susan Dreyfus, the new Washington State Department of Social and Health Services Secretary join us and to have our new King County Executive Dow Constantine join us as well.

c. City of Seattle Youth Prostitution Update, *Betsy Graef, City of Seattle*

Andrea introduced Betsy Graef who gave an overview of the Prostituted Children Pilot Project to the OC.

The cost has been adjusted up to \$1.4 million over 2 years, for services to at least 45 children annually. We are engaged in a unique collaborative effort in which contributions are being sought—and received—from government, foundation and private funders. We have confirmed support of \$397,000 in 2010. Some dollars are also committed for 2011. We are in discussions with a number of governmental, foundation and private funders as we work to reach our funding goals for the two year pilot. By the end of December 2009, the City of Seattle will have set up a special sub fund to receive public donations to support the operations of the program. We will soon publicize this opportunity.

Confirmed 2010 funding to date:

- City of Seattle           \$197,000
- United Way               \$100,000
- Private Donor           \$100,000

Human Services Department (HSD) and its core group of advisors are in discussions with the agency that responded to the project RFP issued last summer. We are hopeful that those negotiations will be successful so we can launch the program in March 2010. Curricula development is underway for the training of providers and responders throughout King County.

Finally, HSD has received stimulus funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to fund a prostituted youth advocate for 2 years; this position will be awarded to the agency selected to provide the residential recovery services. State supporters are working to provide funding for an additional advocate.

I'll also encourage you to check out a series of stories in the Seattle Times that have made a huge difference in this project. More on these articles can be found at:

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2010165146\\_teenprostitutes30m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2010165146_teenprostitutes30m.html)

**Member comments:**

**Bruce Knutson:** Commend the City of Seattle for taking the initiative and moving this forward. We've identified this as the most vulnerable population we work with. These girls, in particular, are repeatedly victimized and traumatized and their lives don't hold out a lot of hope. You've done an excellent job researching this and pulling together a program that will be very helpful. Again, we've identified this as a significant gap. We have brought this forward from the beginning of the process and are very pleased for your efforts.

**Linda Brown:** Does the project that's moving forward, is it similar to the initial strategy or did some parts have to be cut?

**Sheriff Rahr:** No I would say it's very similar.

**Linda Brown:** I'd also like to join in the enthusiasm of that ability and commitment to pull together public funding.

**4. Co-Chairs Report, Co-Chair Havenga~**

Co-Chair Havenga summarized the MIDD OC 2010 Work Plan and Calendar Survey results, a copy of the results can be found at:

[http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/~media/health/MHSA/MIDD\\_ActionPlan/OC\\_survey\\_summary\\_data\\_111609\\_PDF.ashx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/~media/health/MHSA/MIDD_ActionPlan/OC_survey_summary_data_111609_PDF.ashx)

**5. Overview of Harborview Services Presentation, Darcy Jaffe, Assistant Administrator, Harborview Medical Center**

Darcy gave a PowerPoint presentation of the many Harborview Services that include:

- King County's role at Harborview
- Where patients come from
- Designated Centers of Emphasis
- The Norm Maleng Building, opened in 2008, and the 9th & Jefferson Building, opened in 2009
- Psychiatric Emergency Services
- Medical, Surgical, Primary & Specialty Consultations
- Community Mental Health
- Research and Evaluation

For more information on this presentation, go to:

[http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/~media/health/MHSA/MIDD\\_ActionPlan/MIDD\\_OC\\_HMC\\_Presentation\\_11\\_19\\_09.ashx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/~media/health/MHSA/MIDD_ActionPlan/MIDD_OC_HMC_Presentation_11_19_09.ashx)

## **6. MIDD Strategy 12c Update – Increase capacity for Harborview’s Psychiatric Emergency**

**Services to link individuals to community-based services**, *Darcy Jaffe, Assistant Administrator, Ann Allen, Josh Torregrosso and Carolyn Borys, Mental Health Practitioners, Harborview Medical Center~*

Darcy introduced her team of mental health practitioners to give a Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), PES Liaison and High Utilizer Case-Management Program presentation.

The presentation included case profile data such as high utilizer criteria of 4 Emergency Department (ED) visits in a six month period; homeless or in danger of losing housing; lack of effective engagement or alienation from traditional resources; increasing inability to cope with street life due to medical concerns; most clients have concurrent mental health, chemical dependency and medical concerns; most common linkage needs: funding, primary care, chemical dependency treatment, mental health treatment and housing; the housing need is huge--the biggest barrier to long term stability.

The presentation articulated case management principles and interventions; case study examples; and data pertaining to costs and jail visits.

Services had been provided to over 93 patients by the end of the 3rd Quarter 2009, (over 100 to date).

For more information on this presentation, go to:

[http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/~media/health/MHSA/MIDD\\_ActionPlan/PES\\_Liaison\\_High\\_Utilizer.ashx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/~media/health/MHSA/MIDD_ActionPlan/PES_Liaison_High_Utilizer.ashx)

**Co-Chair Havenga:** Have you been able to show the cost savings if this program wasn’t in place? A dollar amount?

**Ann:** We have saved approximately \$1.9 million in ED visits, \$80,000 in jail visits, as well as a yet unknown cost savings in 911 calls. These results reflect a 6 month period.

Other discussion items included: historical costs, billing, capacity, average length of stay, the importance of housing, transportation to court and/or to a physician, and a request that more financial information be provided.

## **7. MIDD OC Member Check In**

**Merril Cousin:** We talked a couple of times about education. Saw a short PSA video about reducing stigma and would like to include it a future MIDD OC meeting. Merrill will forward the information to the Co-Chairs.

**Mario Paredes:** It is a wonderful video.

Does anyone have an update on the Pacific Court Housing Project?

**Bill Block:** I think we’ll know when the striker comes out.

**Judge Linde:** The striker came out this morning. I was surprised and heard for the first time about an hour ago. The council rearranged things in such a way that the MHC expansion in all the cities in King County will be funded. Listening to the HMC case studies, when you get a person, you need to figure out everything that’s going on with them, and I thought that is what’s good about the MHC. We use that access with someone who’s in trouble in the court system and because of the resources that we’re able to bring in MHC, that outreach is done and working with that person to help them. Now all the cities in King County have access to it too.

**Amnon:** Since it’s public, the council is not going to fund the King County Housing Authority for Pacific Place out of MIDD money. Council directed DCHS to use HOF funds. The good news is that that project, housing authority will be funded, but the bad news is, it’s coming out of a fund that is

quite stressed with millions more in requests for both capital in service and operating than we can honor, which is \$2 million more out of those funds. In addition to the MHC, the council did add some funding back (including 12c) that was previously cut. Also, funding returns to Juvenile Drug Court and Juvenile Assessment strategies. The funding for the school based mental health and substance abuse services strategy was restored to \$1,235,000.

**Judge Linde:** One technical point, it will be voted on this afternoon at 3 p.m. Chair Larry Gossett felt confident that all the members would vote to support it. If so, then it will go to formal council Monday.

**Linda Brown:** Raised a question about whether or not Council increased supplantation?

**Amnon:** Supplantation was not increased significantly. One minor problem with this which is the plan to use the \$2 million in MIDD funds for Pacific Court was a one time expenditure. Putting all this money back into strategies is an ongoing expenditure, so a couple years down the road we will have more of a problem because we'll have to make deeper cuts than if the budget continues as it is projected to right now.

**Bill Block:** The unfortunate thing is it was one time. We're really looking at the possible end of the pipeline of supportive housing because of the trust fund being cut back to \$100 million and just what needs to be put together in terms of housing and services. Taking it out of the HOF fund will have a significant effect on the pipeline.

**Co-Chair Havenga:** I will assume that we'll want an update at the December meeting on these changes and provide something on paper that will show the use of the strategies and funding. That will be helpful.

**Mike Heinisch:** Perhaps an update on the strategies for the legislative session to look for a set of revenue tools?

**Co-Chair Havenga:** Asked the group if they'd like to invite new Executive Dow Constantine to the December committee meeting; the committee agreed.

**Dwight Thompson:** Reminder, this legislative session will be a short one. Now is the time!

## **8. New Business**

No comments.

## **9. Public Comment**

Brandon Miles, Tukwila Department of Community Development.

Mr. Miles wanted to clarify that Tukwila city mayor Haggerton had sent out a letter to the MIDD members. Tukwila supports the work of the MIDD. I thought it was interesting you talked about Pacific Court in your report today. Our Human Services Department has a letter of support for this project. This is not Tukwila saying no, this is simply saying we need time to look at this, look at the zoning impact. Once we have some of these issues resolved, I would like to invite the MIDD OC to do a presentation at a later date for our City Council on the work that you do. It's great to have that communication with the City Councilmembers and discuss not just this process and what you're working on, but everything you've been doing.

Mario Paredes: I appreciate you being here today and stating your position with the City of Tukwila. We will definitely take your recommendation. We thank you for being here today.

**Co-Chair Havenga:** Thank you all for coming.

**ADJOURN 1:45p.m.**

**Next Meeting**

**December 17, 2009**

**King County Chinook Building**

**401 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104**

**11:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m. ~ Networking Lunch**  
**12:15 p.m.– 2:15 p.m. ~ Meeting**  
**Room 123**

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