



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)  
Oversight Committee (OC)  
Special Meeting  
March 24, 2011  
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. networking lunch  
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
King County Chinook Building Rooms 121 & 123  
Meeting Notes**

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**Members:**

Bill Block, Kelli Carroll, designee for Councilmember Bob Ferguson, Councilmember John Chelminiak, Catherine Cornwall, Merrill Cousin, Nancy Dow-Witherbee, Shirley Havenga, Mike Heinisch, V. David Hocraffer, Darcy Jaffe, Norman Johnson, Jackie MacLean, Linda Madsen, Leesa Manion, designee for Dan Satterberg, Ann McGettigan, Barbara Miner, Karen Murray, designee for Donald Madsen, Dorothy Teeter, designee for David Fleming, Dwight Thompson, Chelene Whiteaker, Mark Wirschem, designee for Bruce Knutson

**Other Attendees:**

Bryan Baird, Andrew Bauck, Betsy Bosch, Kimberly Cisson, Judge Patricia Clark, Stacey Devenney, Alicia Glenwell, Dennis Higgins, Lisa Kimmerly, Toni Krupski, Andrea LaFazia, Harry McCarthy, Brandon Miles, Jill Murphy, Alex O'Reilly, Amnon Shoenfeld, David Stone, Mary Taylor, Seiko Yamashita

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

Co-Chair Havenga 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 December 2, 2010 Meeting, Co-Chair Havenga~**

Minutes were approved by consensus.

**3. MIDD Project Report**

**a. Family Treatment Court (FTC) budget proviso update**

Kelli Carroll talked briefly about the FTC budget proviso and provided some background. In the 2011 adopted budget, there was a proviso in the MIDD budget that Councilmember Ferguson had requested. The FTC was funded with a blend of funding sources from the Veterans and Human Services Levy, some MIDD funding, and general fund support currently no longer available. There were extra costs not budgeted in 2010 assigned to the Veterans and Human Services Levy. Councilmember Ferguson requested a group come together to review the FTC program, its costs, number served, outcomes, and to make recommendations on potential funding sources.

**b. FTC budget proviso report review and discussion**

Andrea distributed an overview draft copy of the FTC budget proviso report for members to review and furnish comments. Included in the overview is an executive summary that includes an overview of the proviso requirements, the development process, and the workgroup responsible for developing the proviso. Andrea noted many OC members served on the workgroup, chaired by Judge Michael Trickey. Those OC members were: Bruce Knutson, David Hocraffer, Donald Madsen (or his designee), Alan Painter, designee for Rhonda Berry,

Amnon Shoenfeld, designee for Jackie MacLean, and Kelli Carroll. A full list of participants who helped develop the report was included. Andrea reported the full workgroup met three times, in addition to many smaller workgroup meetings among Superior Court and the FTC team. Court judges met with public defense, the attorney general, and the Department of Children and Family Service, the state agency that oversees child welfare services. All parties came together to form recommendations that can be seen here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/OCMeetingMaterials.aspx>.

Andrea noted there were multiple authors/parties who contributed to the report and explained inconsistencies will be cleaned up before submission. The executive will finalize this recommendation following the OC's review and input.

Andrea reported she followed up with Judge Trickey who wanted the OC to be aware that public defense is a major partner in the FTC program, and the proposed recommendations or reductions as efficiencies may result in budget reductions and likely staff reductions, proving harmful to the integrity of the FTC program. If changes are made to the program, it may result in the integrity of the program being diminished. The proposed solution would be for the court to revisit the funding formula for FTC dependency representation and move toward a model used in adult drug court and mental health court, with modifications given the number of parties which need representation in a dependency.

Some OC member comments include:

- a. Include a breakdown of the ages of children as 60 percent are under the age of four.
- b. A concern about missing therapeutic opportunities involved with eliminating the check-in hearings.
- c. A suggestion on the proviso document, pg 49, line 1095, could be revised to fund all the cost of FTC through existing Strategy 8a.

Co-Chair Havenga advised the OC to take their time reviewing this report and submit input to Andrea until Thursday, March 31, 2011. The evaluation of Family Treatment Court that was done by the University of Washington will be presented at the April 28 meeting.

**c. State budget update**

The house budget for the 2011-2013 biennium was supposed to be released today, but Amnon believes it may be delayed due to the recent forecast adding \$700 million to the deficit. The supplemental budget wasn't as bad as MHCADSD had anticipated. The cuts the governor initiated in October 2010, to take effect December 1, 2010, were to be \$17.7 million in a seven month period. The legislative supplemental budget is less than \$17.5 million for the whole biennium for mental health services. No additional cuts were made on the substance abuse side.

**d. Senate Bill 5722-supplantation bill update**

This bill allows certain counties to extend the period in which they could supplant some of the local sales tax revenues for existing county funded programs. When this bill passed through the Senate, it said that counties with populations larger than 25,000 that imposed the tax after December 1, 2010, (not King County), could supplant up to 50 percent in 2011, 2012, etc. Counties with populations less than 25,000 that implemented before July 1, 2011 could also do extended supplantation to 2016 at 80 percent.

Also, this bill states sales tax funds may be used to support the costs of judicial officers and support staff for therapeutic courts, without counting as supplantation.

When the bill arrived at the House, it passed through ways and means with an amendment: any county larger than 25,000 people, without any proviso about when the sales tax was passed, may supplant up to 50 percent through calendar years 2011 and 2012. Currently, King County is supplanting at 34 percent in 2011 and would be required to reduce to 30 percent in 2012, and so on. Under this legislation, if it passes, King County would have the option to supplant up to 50 percent in 2012, 40 percent in 2013, 30 percent in 2014, etc. This gives counties more flexibility, extending the period of supplantation.

**4. Co-Chairs' Report, Shirley Havenga~**

**a. MIDD OC Operating Rules revision review and approval**

The MIDD OC Operating Rules were established in June 2008, updated in June 2010, and approved in August 2010. The following proposed revisions are as follows:

i. Amend Section C, number five to read:

“Members of the Oversight Committee who are elected officials or King County agency directors may vote through their designees.”

ii. Amend Section F, number two to read:

“The regular meetings of the committee shall be held every other month, unless otherwise notified. Meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of every other month from 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.”

**b. MIDD OC membership review per Ordinance 16077**

The MIDD OC is required to evaluate the structure, membership, and responsibilities of the OC by June 1, 2011. Andrea will put out a survey on SurveyMonkey to gather input on major accomplishments, structure, and membership over the last three years. Members were asked to respond to the survey which will go under a series of department and stakeholder reviews. Results will be drafted into a report and return to the OC for review by the committee at the April 28th meeting before being transmitted to the Council on June 1, 2011. Members were asked to please email any questions or comments to Andrea at [andrea.lafazia@kingcounty.gov](mailto:andrea.lafazia@kingcounty.gov).

**c. Ethics Board – 2010 Financial and Other Interests Forms**

Members were reminded they are required to submit a completed form for 2010 to Bryan Baird as soon as possible.

**5. MIDD Prioritization Subcommittee Update, Amnon Shoenfeld~**

Amnon reported there are 13 OC members who participated on the prioritization subcommittee, as well as numerous MHCADSD staff and community members. The subcommittee met four times over the last few months. The sales tax revenue is much less than originally anticipated. MIDD was assumed to rise to a projected \$58 million in 2010, but actual revenue came to a little over \$41 million. State cuts put a lot of pressure on supplantation. Currently, the MIDD is allowed to supplant up to 40 percent this year, but is supplanting at 34 percent. However, depending on what the legislature decides, MIDD may or may not supplant up to a maximum of 30 percent in 2012. Going forward, the MIDD still faces challenges of not having enough revenue to support all the MIDD programs, as they are budgeted higher than the current revenue stream.

First, the subcommittee decided to review and revise the previous prioritization tool and rating process, submitting their recommendations to the MIDD OC for review and approval. Many

concerns were raised about the previous tool and the process used to prioritize MIDD strategies in 2009. In particular, several subcommittee members expressed concerns about whether any tool could provide objective and valid scores to be used to rank order strategies. The subcommittee asked a small workgroup to meet prior to the next subcommittee meeting to identify core priorities and possible alternative methodologies for prioritization.

The core priorities identified are:

- Determine overarching principles to guide MIDD funding decisions (for example, maintain a continuum of services across age-groups and intervention points).
- Ask all programs to look for efficiencies and cuts.
- Minimize further cuts to youth services.
- Seek other funding sources for programs, especially for those strategies not yet implemented.
- Discuss whether to make a recommendation regarding supplantation (supplant state cuts to mental health and substance use disorder programs, support or oppose changing supplantation levels and time frame).

After much discussion, the prioritization subcommittee made the following recommendations:

- Identify core services.
- Preserve a continuum of services across key dimensions.
- Seek individual strategy efficiencies.
- Examine the impact of across the board cuts.
- Ensure that equity and social justice priorities are maintained and that there are no disproportionate impacts in terms of disadvantaged communities and geographical areas.
- Look at the effectiveness of programs, based on achievement of performance measure targets and on outcomes for those programs that have had outcomes measured.
- Maintain MIDD supported services to at-risk populations who would otherwise not be served.
- Prioritize strategies that highly leverage other funding sources.

Next steps:

- The prioritization subcommittee will meet again on March 31 to continue its work on: defining the continuum of services needed across age groups, intervention points (prevention, community support services, crisis response, criminal justice and hospital diversion), and type of services (mental health, substance abuse).
- Additional meetings of the subcommittee may be scheduled if the OC directs the subcommittee to identify other approaches to prioritization or revise its work to date.

Draft copies of Amnon's report can be found here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/OCMeetingMaterials.aspx>.

## **6. MIDD OC Member Check-in**

Catherine Cornwall asked about a Crisis Triage Diversion Center timeline.

Amnon said there should be an update at the April OC meeting.

Mike Heinisch shared a positive story of a colleague who witnessed police officers implementing their Crisis Intervention Team training. The officers declared this training has changed their careers and how they deal with people.

**7. New Business**

No comments.

**8. Public Comment**

No comments.

**ADJOURNED at 1:38 p.m.**

**Next Meeting**

**April 28, 2011**

**King County Chinook Building**

**401 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104**

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