



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)
Oversight Committee (OC)
August 25, 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**

Members:

David Black, designee for Zandrea Hardison, Bill Block, Catherine Cornwall, T.J. Cosgrove, designee for David Fleming, Ian Goodhew, designee for Dan Satterberg, Shirley Havenga, Mike Heinisch, V. David Hocraffer, Darcy Jaffe, Toni Krupski, designee for Nancy Dow-Witherbee, Barbara Linde, Christine Lindquist, Linda Madsen, Terry Mark, designee for Jackie MacLean, Ann McGettigan, Barbara Miner, Karen Murray, designee for Donald Madsen, Alex O'Reilly, designee for Councilmember John Chelminiak, Alan Painter, designee for Rhonda Berry, Mary Ellen Stone, Steve Strachan, designee for Sheriff Rahr, Dwight Thompson, Chelene Whiteaker, Mark Wirschem, designee for Bruce Knutson

Other Attendees:

Travis Alley, Bryan Baird, Jessie Benet, Betsy Bosch, Dianne Boyd, Liz Browning, Krista Camenzind, Kimberly Cisson, Kevin Devine, Megan Farwell, Lisa Kimmerly, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Susan Schoeld, Amnon Shoenfeld, Laurie Sylla, Mary Taylor, Monica Whitman, Jon Morrison Winters, Seiko Yamashita

1. Welcome and Introductions, Co-Chair Linde~

Co-Chair Linde called the meeting to order, and officially welcomed new OC Co-Chair Mike Heinisch. Introductions were made by each person in attendance.

2. Approval of the Meeting Notes from the June 23, 2011 Meeting, Co-Chair Linde~

Minutes were approved by consensus, no revisions.

3. MIDD Project Report, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty~

a. MIDD Semi-Annual Report

One revision regarding Strategy 13a: Domestic Violence and Mental Health Services, was received, requesting to adjust the performance measurement target. This strategy is operating at 80 percent of the original funding plan due to budget reductions, and these performance measures have been updated to reflect that reduction in funding.

The Year Three progress report, (October 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011), was approved as revised by consensus.

b. Strategy updates/revisions

MIDD OC Strategy Revisions Decision Tree

Andrea provided OC members with a copy of the strategy revisions decision tree and the role that the OC plays in the strategy revision / update process.

MIDD Strategy 1f: Peer Support and Parent Partner Family Assistance

An updated strategy for MIDD 1f Peer Support and Parent Partner Family Assistance and related public comments to this strategy can be viewed here:

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

The strategy revised and a new procurement methodology proposed after two unsuccessful request for proposal processes for a local provider to operate a family support organization in King County.

After much member discussion, a request came from the OC that quarterly updates be provided on this strategy; communication to the new entity stating funds are not a guarantee; and questions arose about the amount being spent on consultation. These comments were noted and will be reported back. MHCADSD will move forward with the revision.

Shirley Havenga commended the leadership for finding a solution to move forward with this strategy.

MIDD Strategy 11b: New or Expanded Mental Health Courts

An updated strategy for MIDD 11b New or Expanded Mental Health Courts (MHC) can be viewed here:

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

Strategy 11b is designed to expand mental health court (MHC) services in the county and the formally adopted vehicle to do that is to expand the existing King County district MHC to create a regional MHC. This has been done with resources provided by the MIDD allocation. Staff have been added using resources within the PAO, resources dedicated to public defense, the court monitor, added probation officers, court staff, judicial time, etc., so the court could expand its capacity to serve individuals and refiled felony drop down cases, but also expand to serve every jurisdiction and municipality in the county.

The difference now before the OC and that will soon be before the King County Council, is dedication of some portion of Regional MHC time for creation of a veteran-specific calendar or docket within the Regional MHC. The same judge, attorney team, and clinicians will be dedicated to this veteran-specific population.

MHCADSD will move forward with the revision.

4. Co-Chairs' Report, Co-Chair Heinisch~

Action Item: Prioritization Framework

Co-Chair Heinisch asked the OC to vote by consensus to approve the MIDD strategy prioritization framework. At the June 23, 2011 meeting, members expressed interest in considering the MIDD strategy prioritization framework as the framework to be used for budget and strategy prioritization planning in 2013. A summary of the prioritization subcommittee recommendation is provided here:

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

Should budget considerations require that changes be made in the funding allocated to current MIDD strategies, the OC recommends that the King County Executive and King County Council consider the following criteria in deciding how to make budget reductions:

- Maintain a balance of core services at levels necessary for the core services to be effective.
- Preserve a continuum of services across age groups, intervention points, and types of services.
- Seek individual strategy level efficiencies.

- Ensure that equity and social justice priorities are maintained and 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.

Mary Ellen Stone motioned the OC accept this recommendation. The motion passed by consensus.

5. Veterans Court Presentation, *Kevin Devine, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator, U.S. Dept of Veteran Affairs* gave an overview of veterans, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and his role with the Veterans Health Administration.

The Veterans Justice Outreach Initiative is a new program both to the VA locally and nationally as part of a large expansion of VA services that came into existence within the last six or seven years, and later online in 2009. This program has three main focuses: provide training and education to law enforcement; jail outreach; and working with the courts, acting as a link between the courts, the VA, Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and treatment services.

Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, MIDD Project Manager, provided an overview of the Veterans Court Proviso on behalf of Kelli Carroll, Principal Legislative Analyst, King County Council. The Veterans Court Proviso was placed in the 2011 budget by Councilmember Bob Ferguson as a result of his growing interest in veterans and veterans court, both locally and nationally. Councilmember Ferguson is quite pleased with the progression of the veterans court proviso discussion and thinks it is wonderful MIDD funds could be used to pilot the veterans court calendar for one year. He sent a letter to the MIDD OC Co-Chairs that can be viewed here: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDCommittees/OCMeetingMaterials.aspx>.

Councilmember Ferguson is hopeful that following the pilot, the Veterans and Human Services Levy will be able to help fund the veterans court calendar. The Veterans Court Proviso called for the Executive in partnership with criminal justice agencies to explore the feasibility to create a specialty court. Specifically the proviso called for the following:

1. A review of the existing county services for veterans
2. A review of services provided by other jurisdictions to veterans
3. An analysis of the feasibility of creating a specialty veterans court vs. creating a veterans docket or calendar in an existing county therapeutic court
4. Recommendations for criminal justice systems dispositional alternatives involving veterans. The reports will also include recommendations for the implementation of any other program related to the federal veterans justice outreach initiative.

Krista Camenzind, Budget Supervisor, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

Ms. Camenzind gave an overview of the Veterans Court Proviso workgroup and proviso response.

The proviso called on and named every Criminal Justice agency as a participant, as well as the Department of Community and Human Services, Council staff and a very large workgroup. The workgroup met three times and came up with options, such as:

1. Stand alone veterans treatment court
2. Create calendar in RMHC
3. Create a track within RMHC

The Executive is very supportive of District Court and willing to take this pilot on to see if it will work for King County.

6. MIDD OC Member Check-in

Co-Chair Heinisch took a moment to celebrate the success of the Veterans and Human Services Levy. He commended the work of Anna Markee, Special Projects Manager, Department of Community and Human Services who was instrumental in that success.

Bill Block announced Tuesday, November 1, 2011, is the day the cash grant will stop for Disability Lifeline. Unemployable individuals, about 6,000 in King County, many who are homeless, and 73 percent of which have a primary disability of mental illness, will be impacted. The Committee to End Homelessness is working on trying to create the housing program, but individuals affected will begin receiving notices September 14, 2011.

Amnon Shoenfeld, MHCADSD Director, reported Washington State received a Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) grant from SAMHSA for \$8.3 million. Staff in the MHCADSD helped write that grant proposal, where most of that money will come to King County. This SBIRT grant will expand services to identify people with substance abuse disorders and getting them the services they need at our community clinics. King County will receive approximately \$5.3 million over the next five years.

Christine Lindquist, Director, NAMI Greater Seattle, announced the NAMI conference will be in Seattle in June 2012. Ms. Lindquist is looking to showcase the breadth and depth of services located in King County. She solicited any and all partners interested in participating, looking for keynote speakers, facilities to tour, and will make recommendations to her organization.

Co-Chair Heinisch announced Jean Houston, South King County family advocate, passed away last month at the age of 92.

7. New Business

No comments.

8. Public Comment

No comments.

ADJOURNED at 1:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

October 27, 2011

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