



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)  
Oversight Committee (OC)  
February 27, 2014  
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:**

Dave Asher, Chris Barringer, designee for Sheriff Urquhart, David Black, Johanna Bender, Jeanette Blankenship, David Chapman, Linda Brown, Kelli Carroll, designee for Councilmember Rod Dembowski, Merrill Cousin, Nancy Dow, Brigitte Folz, designee for Darcy Jaffe, Shirley Havenga, Mike Heinisch, Betsy Jones, designee for Rhonda Berry, Judge Barbara Linde, designee for Judge Susan Craighead, Ann McGettigan, Barbara Miner, Karen Murray, designee for Donald Madsen, Alex O'Reilly, designee for Councilmember Lynne Robinson, Mark Putnam, Dan Satterberg, Mary Ellen Stone, Mark Wirschem, designee for Bruce Knutson

**Other Attendees:**

Bryan Baird, Chelsea Baylen, Carol Benson, Doreen Booth, Kimberly Cisson, Pat Godfrey, Bob Graham, Lisa Kimmerly, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Callista Kennedy, Geoff Miller, Rachelle Parslow, Susan Schoeld, Amnon Shoenfeld, Laurie Sylla, Jim Vollendroff

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

Co-Chair Satterberg 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 12, 2013 Meeting, Co-Chair Satterberg ~**  
Minutes were approved by consensus, no revisions.

**3. MIDD Project Staff Report, Amnon Shoenfeld, Division Director, Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD); and Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, MIDD Project Manager, MHCADSD~**

Andrea reminded members to complete their 2013 Statement of Financial and Other Interests form. This form is now solely completed online and not tracked by MHCADSD. Each member received an electronic invitation in their County issued email account and is the member's responsibility to complete this form.

**Legislative Update, Amnon Shoenfeld**

The County was hoping for more funds in the budget for mental health and substance abuse. The County requested \$3.7 million for substance abuse, but the Senate budget allocated nothing; \$6.6 million was requested for mental health, again, nothing. However, there are funds for one, (and eventually two), 16-bed evaluation and treatment facility in the state which will not be nearly enough to limit effects of the non-Medicaid cuts that take effect July 1, 2014.

The House budget came out yesterday. At this point, there may be changes made and does provide new funding for mental health; but nothing yet for substance abuse. For mental health, there is additional money for mental health enhancement. There is \$3 million less in the cuts out of the \$23

million statewide cuts for non-Medicaid; the House budget restored \$3 million, and King County will receive about \$1 million. They also changed the funding allocation methodology; the house budget does change the allocation in our favor and may save a few hundred thousand dollars. New money is attached to Substitute House Bill 2725, which is new legislation that would allow family members, who do not like a decision by a designated mental health professional (DMHP), to not detain someone involuntarily. It allows the family to petition the court to have that decision overruled by a judge. No details have been released yet as to how this will happen, but additional court costs may occur. If a judge decides a person should be detained, the DMHP would detain the individual where hospital costs would be associated with that. A clause in the bill states if funding is not provided specifically for the bill, it is null and void, so the House budget provides funding for that bill.

There are three evaluation and treatment facilities proposed statewide, none of these 16-bed facilities would be in King County, but would provide for new Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams; one full team in King County, and two for other Regional Support Networks (RSNs). This would also provide additional recovery support services in three other RSNs: Grays Harbor, Greater Columbia, and North Sound.

Jim Vollendroff, MHCADSD Assistant Division Director, discussed a couple of integration bills regarding integration of substance abuse, mental health, and primary health care, where Senate Bill 6312 is most likely to pass; King County is in support of integration. This bill would call for an integrated contract with substance abuse, mental health, and primary health care. For substance abuse and mental health, there would be one contract with an actuarial on the substance abuse rates and the County would move from a fee for service contract to a capitated contract in the near future.

Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty announced the March 27th Special Meeting has been cancelled as there will not be any prioritization work this year. A cancellation notice will be sent out. The next MIDD OC meeting will be April 24, 2014.

#### **4. Co-Chairs Report, Co-Chair McGettigan~**

The MIDD 2013 Annual Report was sent to members electronically for review and approval. Lisa Kimmerly gave an overview of technical and grammatical changes, and other revisions throughout the report to enhance clarity.

Mary Ellen Stone thanked the evaluation staff for the updates her shop submitted so close to deadline. Co-Chair McGettigan also shared her appreciation to the evaluation staff for all their hard work and attention to detail.

The report was approved, as revised, by consensus.

#### **MIDD Renewal Planning Update, Co-Chairs**

Co-Chair McGettigan said the MIDD is getting ready for renewal as funding expires on December 31, 2016. Added in the current MIDD report, is a map to show the impact of MIDD through graphics and services being provided are county-wide. There is also planning in the works to do individual council member educational presentations to talk about how important MIDD has been and how essential it is to continue.

Co-Chair Satterberg stated the MIDD is renewed through a council manic decision--not voter approved. It is expected that the Council will likely take up its renewal in 2016.

**5. Update on Medicaid enrollments under healthcare reform and Affordable Care Act (ACA),** *Bill Wilson, Health Care Integration Planner, DCHS; and Callista Kennedy, Education Specialist, Public Health~*

Washington state is one of 26 states to expand Medicaid. Medicaid expansion in Washington is known as Washington Apple Health or Medicaid. This expansion targets folks making less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level per year, which is \$15,800 for an individual, or \$32,500 for a family of four.

The enrollment period is ongoing for Medicaid expansion; the private subsidized insurance plans enrollment period ends March 31, 2014. Individuals enroll through [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org). The goal is to have a single entry web portal, entering basic information which is cross referenced in real time to discover within 30-40 minutes what insurance they are eligible for. Enrollment began October 1, 2013. The call center has been receiving a high volume of calls, about 20,000 to 40,000 calls per day, an average of 1,000 calls an hour.

Having a product, Medicaid, and a system to enroll, the website mentioned above, does not mean the people will come. States understood there would have to be an outreach, education, and enrollment effort. Public Health-Seattle & King County (PHSKC) is one of 10 agencies selected in Washington state to be a lead entity and is the lead entity for King County. They received a \$1.6 million grant that was pushed down to 23 provider agencies to hire and train In-Person Assisters (IPAs). These IPAs are charged to provide outreach and enroll individuals. Between October 1 and December 23, 2013, PHSKC had set up 247 enrollment events. They continue to offer these enrollment events. There is also a text notification program where an individual can text KING + ZIP to 468311 to learn where an enrollment event is in your area. Washington state is currently at 170 percent of the state enrollment goal.

Work continues on strategies to get individuals enrolled in qualified health plans, educate them on insurance, income guidelines, what questions to ask, and what to look for when buying insurance. By the end of February 2014, 58,900 newly enrolled individuals were enrolled in King County.

Bill provided statistics for Medicaid expansion funding. New folks will be covered 100 percent through 2016, and will gradually decline in subsequent years. States that expand Medicaid will receive federal funding for services provided to the expansion population to the tune of:

- 100 percent in 2014 to 2016
- 95 percent in 2017
- 94 percent in 2018
- 93 percent in 2019
- 90 percent in 2020 and beyond.

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

Susan Schoeld announced the construction is complete at the Crisis Diversion Interim Services unit, where 30 full beds are now available for use.

**7. Public comment**

No report.

**8. Special Recognition for Amnon Shoenfeld**

The co-chairs presented Amnon with an engraved vase and cake for his contributions to the MIDD OC and wished him well in his retirement.

**ADJOURNED at 1:06 p.m.**

**Next Meeting**

**April 24, 2014**

**King County Chinook Building, Rooms 121 & 123**

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

**11:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m. ~ Networking Lunch**

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**FINAL**