



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)
Oversight Committee (OC)
September 24, 2015
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:

Dave Asher, Johanna Bender, Jeanette Blankenship, Susan Craighead, Jennifer DeYoung, designee for Patty Hayes, Lea Ennis, Ashley Fontaine, Jaime Garcia, designee for Norman Johnson, Betsy Jones, designee for Rhonda Berry, Leesa Manion, designee for Dan Satterberg, Ann McGettigan, Katelyn Morgaine, designee for Nancy Dow, Alex O'Reilly, designee for Lynne Robinson, Mark Putnam, Adrienne Quinn, Wendy Soo Hoo, designee for Dave Upthegrove, Mary Ellen Stone, Mary Taylor, designee for Barb Miner, Lorinda Youngcourt

Other Attendees:

Graydon Andrus, Steve Andryszewski, Bryan Baird, Margo Burnison, Kelli Carroll, Kimberly Cisson, Lisa Kimmerly, Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Miranda Leskinen, Terry Mark, Geoff Miller, Martin Moore, Patty Noble-Desy, Susan Schoeld, Kathleen Southwick, Chris Verschuyt, Callista Welbaum, Ellie Wilson-Jones, Mark Wirschem

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Mark Wirschem is retiring and was acknowledged for his hard work advocating for criminal justice.

Co-Chair Bender reminded members that OC meetings will be extended from 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m. for the foreseeable future.

2. Follow up to August OC Meeting

Co-Chair Bender checked in with members for any follow up or remarks from the August meeting. She informed members that all the information gathered in the meeting, offline conversations, and including a recommendation to place overage funds into a reserve have been turned over to the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (PSB). The PSB is working on finalizing the mid-biennial update which is slated to be transmitted on October 13; decisions will be public then. The OC will get an update on what the Executive transmitted at the October 22nd meeting.

Supplemental Update

Kelli Carroll reported that Council passed out the supplemental about a week ago; the Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD) is working on the administrative details to get the inflationary adjustment to MIDD contractors as soon as possible to get contracts amended. All the other items that were put forward as a result of the winter fund balance workgroup have moved forward and have been funded in the supplement.

Standing Fund Balance Work Group

As noted at last month's meeting, the chairs requested that the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) create a standing subcommittee to meet regularly to review MIDD financial projections and assist with developing and consistently updating potential recommendations on the use of MIDD fund balance when it appears funds may be available. In consultation with PSB, DCHS has determined to convene a Fund Balance Subcommittee co-chaired by Jaime Garcia and Kelli Carroll. The purpose of this subcommittee will include:

- Collecting, analyzing, and prioritizing a list of potential uses for unexpected increases in MIDD balance revenues.
- Making recommendations to the OC and receiving member input on how to program undesignated fund balance, as needed.

The Fund Balance Subcommittee will convene prior to the release of the March and July 2016 Office of Economic and Financial Analysis (OEFA) forecasts. The two timelines would likely look like:

- Convening in January/February to review and update the list of potential uses, get Oversight Committee review in February/March, decide on recommendations in late March once OEFA forecast amount is known. These recommendations would be considered for inclusion in the omnibus supplemental in late spring of each year.
- Convening in May/June to review and update the list of potential uses, get OC review in June/July, decide on recommendations in late July once OEFA forecast amount is known. These recommendations would be considered for inclusion in the Biennial Budget or Mid-Biennial supplemental in late fall of each year.

The subcommittee may be pulled together as necessary if decisions are needed outside of the above cycle.

Although this process will minimize surprises and create an ongoing dialogue and space for input, there will likely continue to be a need for smaller technical adjustments and potentially larger late-breaking changes during the life of the MIDD that won't fit into the above schedules. In these instances, DCHS will work with the OC and the subcommittee to inform members as early as possible and gather input in a reasonable format.

Please email Kelli, Jaime, and the Co-Chairs if interested in participating on this subcommittee. In terms of a timeline, this group may come together later in the fall or early winter.

3. Review Progress Report

The MIDD review and renewal progress report that is required by Ordinance 17998 is ready for your final review. Co-Chair Bender stated this well done report reflected an incredible amount of work done by Kelli and other MHCADSD staff.

Member feedback to the report was sought on September 14, with one comment received; edits are included in the draft. The edits were technical in nature. The report goes to the DCHS Director's office for review, then to the Executive's office for transmittal by the November 5 due date. The MHCADSD will make sure the OC will get a copy of the final document that goes to Council.

Ashley Fontaine asked if looking at cost saving/cost offsets might be beneficial? Kelli responded that for future documentation, a historical look back can be included.

Ann McGettigan echoed the great job done by all staff to craft this report.

4. Revised Timeline

There were some minor changes to the timeline; the updated document can be found here:

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

Kelli reported that staff is working hard on getting focus groups scheduled.

5. Strategy Team Update

Co-Chair Bender reminded the OC the strategy team has been meeting twice a month for the last few months, working hard with County staff on many of the documents that you have seen since May: the planning framework document, the process overview, and the community conversation approaches. The group met this week and spent much of our time talking about engagement and outreach, in particular talking about engagement of underserved, under-connected populations: immigrants and refugees, trans people, Native Americans, and people of color. In essence, there are many ideas and communities to connect with, and the team is trying to help County staff make those connections while recognizing resources (time and staffing) are short.

6. Engagement and Outreach Update

September 22 Community Conversation at Renton Community Center

A great first regional Community Conversation last night in Renton was jointly convened with County staff working on investments for children and youth related to the Youth Action Plan and Best Starts

We had 77 people sign in with about 100 participants in the room, including over 20 County staff. Tables around the room were divided up topically around MIDD strategy areas specific to reentry and recovery, ages (youth, young adults.)etc. With the help of the facilitator, there were conversations around:

- What is working?
- What is not working?
- What do we need or what do we need more of?

The purpose of the event was to discuss what is working and not working, and how we can work together on improvements. Meeting notes and themes will be posted to the MIDD renewal website and emailed to all participants who provided an email address as soon as they are complete. Co-Chair Bender encouraged OC members to attend at least one of these meetings.

Comments:

Judge Susan Craighead shared a concern about not reaching out to African American groups and asked about ideas surrounding this.

Graydon Andrus mentioned more clear explanation is needed of how those ideas are prioritized, what principles will be used.

Kelli answered that scribes are translating their notes of the September 22 community meeting. The high level items will be put into thematic areas and placed on the website. As we move along, we will see clear stories and suggestions that will naturally weave into the strategy areas. We would like to link these suggestions and ideas with the service improvement programs that are recommended to the extent possible. Staff are looking to attach these to actionable programmatic efforts moving forward.

Upcoming Community Conversations

Highland Community Center
14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue, WA 98009
Thursday, October 22
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155
Wednesday, October 28
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Save the date announcements are forthcoming and will be listed on the MIDD renewal website.

Jaime Garcia mentioned that Judge SaintClair suggested having the notes of the previous community conversation meetings provided to prevent going over the same issues repeatedly.

Focus Groups

A two-question survey was sent out previously, calling for ideas to help identify populations and groups to potentially conduct focus groups with on MIDD II planning. There were 13 responses with some overlap in many of the responses. Staff sat down with the strategy team to go over those responses and bucket what groups to meet with. Staff are meeting with domestic violence/sexual assault groups next week. Currently on deck for future meetings: make outreach to transgendered communities, Native American communities, Spanish-speaking communities, and the Asian community populations, based on recommendations. Staff are hoping to get these four groups scheduled before Thanksgiving.

On Thursday, November 5, there will be a Providers Community Conversations meeting/facilitated focus group (daytime meeting before the Annual Legislative Forum) from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with agency leadership.

MIDD Review and Renewal Webpage Hub

The webpage is up and running thanks to Chris Verschuyt and Bryan Baird. This page serves as a central hub for community conversations and other important information such as meeting notes and forms. Follow this link to view the new MIDD Review and Renewal page:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MHSA/MIDDPlan/MIDDReviewandRenewalPlanning.a.spx>

MIDD Review and Renewal Survey

Currently, there have been 30 responses, largely from providers. Kelli encouraged members to push it out to community members. This survey is intended to gather input from a wide range of individuals: MIDD program participants; families, providers, and other stakeholders; along with members of the broader community. The survey is one part of a systematic review of the MIDD

called for by the King County Council in [Ordinance 17998](#). An overview of MIDD review and renewal activities is available [here](#).

The information you and others provide with this survey will help us learn what King County can do better or differently moving forward should the MIDD be renewed. The feedback you give us will help inform important improvements to services and programs.

Kelli was asked to describe the difference between the MIDD Call for Concepts paper and the survey.

The call for concepts paper is the process created by which anyone can make a suggestion or recommendation on a program or service that MIDD could potentially fund moving forward. It is a timed process that ends on October 31. Folks fill out the fields, when submitted it is reviewed and results in a detailed briefing paper. The survey is a broad survey on MIDD past, present and future.

Mary Ellen Stone requested the survey be translated into Spanish.

7. MIDD Planning Process Check In

Co-Chair Bender asked the following questions of OC members as we've accomplished a lot of the structure and are now moving on to implementation.

- What's working?
- What's missing?
- What do we need to do more of or less of?

Comments:

Kelli was asked to clarify the process moving forward, as it is unclear to some:

The framework, the existing programmatic review, the call for concepts form are all documents feeding in to two reports that go to the County Council. The first is a historical retrospective of MIDD I with a list of analytical questions outlined in legislation. The second report is a service improvement plan that lays out the programmatic recommended budget for MIDD II, along with that is an implementation schedule that would inform how those programs come on line. Both reports are due to the Council in 2016. The work of this body is to fulfill those requirements by the Council and in doing so, doing this in a transparent, collaborative, community-informed way that is based on the values the OC discussed and decided on in March.

The framework document created in July and August sets forth the policy approach to the work, and as the OC moves forward new and existing concepts, that process will lead to a team review of these concepts in work sessions in late in February/early March that will sort concepts (both existing and new) into high medium and low categories for further consideration.

Co-Chair Bender suggested having the Framework document available at meetings going forward. Kelli added the New Concept process will also be brought to each future meeting.

Alex O'Reilly asked when will the Council vote on the Service Improvement Plan (SIP) Kelli responded we should know if the SIP is approved by December 2016.

Jaime Garcia noted one thing that could be done better is the consumer input. Kelli responded the County is working with the Recovery Café, and will utilize the work of Familiar Faces, where a consumer group has already been put together.

Community conversation postcards (as well as pdf versions) will be sent out after this meeting.

Ann McGettigan acknowledged and appreciates the work the staff has done to keep information coming and providing the OC with all these resources. Jaime Garcia echoed that statement.

ADJOURNED at 1:40 p.m.
Next Meeting: October 22, 2015
King County Chinook Building, Rooms 121 & 123
401 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104
11:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m. ~ Networking Lunch
12:15 p.m.– 1:45 p.m. ~ Meeting

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