



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)  
Oversight Committee (OC)  
December 10, 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**

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**Members:**

Adrienne Quinn, Alex O'Reilly, designee for Lynne Robinson, Ann McGettigan, Ashley Fontaine, Barbara Miner, Brenda Fincher, designee for Dave Asher, Brigitte Folz, designee for Darcy Jaffe, Claudia D'Allegri, Dave Asher, Jeanette Blankenship, Johanna Bender, Ketu Shah, designee for Donna Tucker, Lea Ennis, Leesa Manion, designee for Dan Satterberg, Merrill Cousin, Mike Heinisch, Nancy Dow, Patricia Edmond-Quinn, designee for Norman Johnson, Jennifer DeYoung, designee for Patty Hayes, Shirley Havenga, Susan Craighead, William Hayes.

**Other Attendees:**

Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Anne Meegan, Chris Verschuyt, Jim Vollendroff, Kelli Carroll, Kimberly Cisson, Lisa Kimmerly, Susan Schoeld.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Judge Shah was introduced as new member replacing Judge Tucker. Many designees were present. Judge Bender has been appointed to Superior Court (SC). She will continue as co-chair of MIDD OC and serve as the designee for SC Judge Craighead.

**2. Approval of the October 22, 2015 Minutes**

Approved with change to page 3. No objections, no abstentions.

**3. MIDD Financial Plan and Budget Report, *Steve Andryszewski, DCCHS***

Each of the 12 county funds has a Financial Plan. "Current budget" column shows changes to the original budget, incorporating two supplemental requests that King County Council (Council) has approved. "Estimated" column shows what we think the projected undesignated fund balance will be at the end of 2016, less mandated reserves. We are reaching out to contractors and county departments to get a better handle on where their individual budgets will end up so that we can have the best, most accurate information for the MIDD Strategy committee, as it determines funding for MIDD strategies.

**4. Fund Balance Workgroup, *Kelli Carroll***

The purpose of this subcommittee is to allow for high transparency and timely recommendations to the OC which then reviews the list of potential expenditures for the undesignated fund balance and makes recommendations to the county Executive. The group is planned to meet beginning the latter half of January and meeting every other week for 90 minutes, this workgroup will be co-chaired by Kelli and a non-County-employed member of the OC (TBD). Please email Kelli Carroll if you are interested in participating.

## 5. Outreach and Engagement, Kelli Carroll

Kelli Carroll reported that MIDD renewal efforts have included numerous Community Conversations, which are public meetings held in locations throughout the County. Upcoming: December 15th Community Conversation will be in SE Seattle and December 16th in North Seattle, 6:30-9pm, with 35-40 registered for each session so far. Please forward the invitations to your constituencies. Division Director Jim Vollendroff encourages OC members who haven't already attended to attend a conversation. Although there will not be opportunities to meet with all interested groups, large and small communities are being invited and additional focus groups are being held (for example, sexual assault and domestic violence service providers, executive leadership of behavioral health providers). Please forward the invitations to your constituencies.

Upcoming focus groups:

- Real Change
- Recovery Café
- Hispanic communities
- Asian communities (at Asian Counseling and Referral Services)
- Trans community (at Ingersoll Gender Center)
- Immigrant and Refugee (Somali Health Board)
- African American Community (with Councilmember Gossett's assistance)
- Native American Leadership Council
- NE and SE King County regional groups

Briefings with the Executive, Executive Cabinet, Councilmembers and Council staff also occur at key points. Please forward the invitations to your constituencies. Please email Kelli Carroll to request a MIDD focus group with your constituencies and organizations.

## 6. New Concepts and Briefing Papers

Kelli reported that 140 concept proposals were submitted by the deadline, showing the depth of interest in and need for behavioral health services in the County. Concept proposals have been organized according to type (housing, school-based, re-entry, workforce development, opiates, etc.) and briefing papers are now being written based on the concept proposals. DCHS staff is working hard even in the midst of other large commitments in respect to the process of mental health and substance abuse treatment services "Integration" and the resulting Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) detailed plan due to the state. Briefing papers will summarize key information for decision makers, so if you get a call from DCHS staff to discuss your concept proposal, please respond as quickly as you can. The County's goal is a balanced portfolio of recommendations for decision makers. As stated in the call for concept proposals, not all may move forward in the form in which they were submitted.

**Review Panels:** February 29, March 1, 2, and 3 will be dedicated to review panels sorting the briefing paper proposals into high, medium and low priority. Each of the four MIDD strategy areas will have a full day to discuss and sort proposals that most closely fit within that strategy: Prevention and Early Intervention, Crisis Diversion, Recovery and Re-entry, and Systems Improvement. Review panels are limited to 20 people each and OC members will compose at least half of each panel. **Sign up begins February 4** and OC participants will have priority. People can sign up for more than one panel. Panels will review 15-25 briefing papers per panel. Community Conversations and focus group themes will inform review panel discussions, and current strategies will be included in the discussions. Review panelists may recuse themselves from discussions of proposals they themselves have submitted.

Best Starts for Kids (BSK) has been closely linked to MIDD renewal planning, including in the Community Conversations. Review panels will include briefing papers that may link to potential BSK and MIDD concepts; county staff will flag and forward them accordingly. BSK is prevention-focused for children and youth, and MIDD renewal is focused on crisis prevention and early intervention, diversion, recovery, and reentry. Other funding and funding possibilities for services include Medicaid, grants, legislated funding, Transformation plan and Veterans and Human Services funding, and philanthropic funding.

## **7. Updated Timeline and Next Steps**

Kelli noted that the County has added a public comment period for draft recommendations to occur between April 22 and May 6. There may be a meeting May 16th and the currently scheduled May 26 meeting may be moved to the first week of June. Accessibility of the community is very important and the schedule may be affected by that.

At the January 28 meeting, Christine Hulet will lead conversations with the OC around roles and composition of the Oversight Committee.

Evaluation Assessment: consultants were not found to do this in the time we needed it done and within our budget. Performance, Strategy, and Budget (PSB) staff will do the assessment of the evaluation for us professionally and objectively. If you receive an email from them, please respond. Please email Kelli Carroll if you would like to be interviewed by the PSB evaluation team.

Kimberly Cisson (CDP, LMHP) joins the MHCADSD MIDD team to help the Division prepare for MIDD renewal and implementation, should it pass; she starts in January.

## **8. Announcements from Members**

Judge Bender thanked Kelli Carroll for her hard work.

The City of Seattle is providing funding to the County for the residential part of the Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS) program.

The Detailed Plan for becoming a Behavioral Health Organization in April 2016 has been submitted to the state, and the Division is now responding to feedback. The biggest challenge is in folding substance use disorder (SUD) services into managed care and working with providers on billing for SUD services.

The Mental Health Advisory Board and the Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Board will be sunset and a new Behavioral Health Advisory Board will be formed. A call for applicants was made and 40 applications were received. The goal for this new, 15-member board will be diversity of geographical region, race, age, gender, and sexual orientation. There will be representation from this new board on the OC.

## **9. Public Comment**

- Mario Paredes, Consejo Counseling and Referral Services: As the OC makes decisions, please consider the needs of the non-Medicaid population. Obamacare does not cover all the non-Medicaid population: children are helped, but there is a huge gap for adults. Over a recent six-week period, more than 200 non-Medicaid clients entered Consejo Counseling; County areas

like Covington and Vashon Island lack multi-lingual, culturally competent services for the non-Medicaid populations there.

**ADJOURNED at 2:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: January 28, 2016**

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

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

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