



**Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)
Oversight Committee (OC)
February 25, 2016
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. networking lunch
12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
King County Chinook Building Rooms 121 & 123
Meeting Notes**

Members: Adrienne Quinn, Alex O'Reilly (designee for Lynne Robinson), Ann McGettigan, Barbara Miner, Betsy Jones, Brenda Fincher (designee for Dave Asher), Bridgette Folz (designee for Darcy Jaffe), Claudia D'Allegri, Dave Asher, Jeanette Blankenship, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Johanna Bender (Co-Chair), Ketu Shah (designee for Donna Tucker), Lea Ennis, Leesa Manion (designee for Dan Satterberg), Mark Putnam, Mary Ellen Stone, Mario Paredes (designee for Norman Johnson), Merrill Cousin (Co-Chair), Mike Heinisch, Nancy Dow, Norman Johnson, Susan Craighead.

Other Attendees: Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, Anne Meegan, Claudia Balducci, Doreen Booth, Ellie Wilson-Jones, Emmy McConnell, Kelli Carroll, Kimberly Cisson, Krista Camenzind, Lan Nguyen, Lauren Vlas, Laurie Sylla, Lisa Kimmerly, Margo Burnison, Paul Daniels Susan Schoeld, Samantha Porter, Stephanie Trollen, Steve Andryszewski, Terra Rose, Titus Chembukha, Wendy Soo Hoo.

1. Welcome and Introductions, Co-Chair Cousin

Co-Chair Cousin called the meeting to order, welcomed the committee and introductions were made by each person in attendance. A special welcome was made to the two council members who were visiting, Councilmember Kohl-Welles and Councilmember Balducci.

2. Updated Timeline, Kelli Carroll, Strategic Advisor, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD)

- Service Improvement Plan (SIP) Recommendations to MIDD OC and posted for public comment 4/22-5/6/2016
- MIDD Oversight Committee meeting in April on Friday, April 29, 2016
- Transmit the MIDD Service Improvement plan in August instead of September 26th

3. King County Financial Disclosure Form, Bryan Baird

Needed forms were collected from members.

4. Approval of the Meeting Notes from Dec. 2015 and Jan. 2016 Meetings, Co-Chair Bender

Minutes were approved by consensus, no revisions.

5. Supplantation Update, Dwight Dively, King County Budget Director

Supplantation is when an agency uses a new revenue source for existing programs. There are two types of supplantation being worked with currently: MIDD and Best Starts for Kids.

MIDD Supplantation:

- MIDD funds were intended by the legislature to be used for new programs.
- When the recession hit the Washington Legislature allowed up to 50% of MIDD money to be used for existing programs due to the general budget shortfall.
- This was extended one time and now the process of ramping down the MIDD supplantation is happening.
- In 2016 up to 10% of MIDD money can be used for existing programs.
- In 2017 no MIDD money can be used for existing programs.
- There is an indefinite exception for therapeutic courts even after supplanting ends.

There are \$11 million in programs that have to move back to the general fund or be eliminated. The County general fund for the next biennium is out of balance for \$50 million dollars including the \$11 million from programs currently funded by MIDD. It is highly likely that the King County Council and Executive will not be able to find sufficient money in the general fund to continue all the programs currently being paid through \$11 million dollars of MIDD money.

Best Starts for Kids Supplantation:

- Best Starts for Kids is a Property Tax Levy Lid Lift which lifts the one percent cap on revenue increases for property tax.
- The state statute regarding Property Tax Levy Lid Lift money treats King County differently than other counties. It stipulates that King County cannot use Levy Lid Lift money to supplant already existing local resources.
- This means the cost of programs being funded in 2015 cannot be shifted from local county resources over to the Best Starts for Kids levy.
- Work is being done now to identify how much money was spent from local resources in 2015 on any program where the plan is to expand with the Best Starts for Kids levy. Original spending must continue at least for that amount of funding on those programs every year for the next six years while Best Starts for Kids is in place.
- The Best Starts for Kids levy can fund expansions and cost increases for existing local programs but it cannot displace current funding sources.
- Local money includes funds the state gives us that is not designated grant money. This means if the state cuts public health funding, the county's general fund must make up the shortfall. Best Starts for Kids money cannot be used to supplant this shortfall.
- If a local foundation or city offers one-time money for a program that supports kids, that is not considered "current funding" under the statute. Ongoing money offered from a local foundation or city does count as "current funding".
- For a current program to be considered for Best Starts for Kids funds it would need to have discontinuity in services. Meaning it would need to shut down for 1-2 years and restart with significant changes in order to be covered by Best Starts for Kids.

This committee has the ability to make recommendations to the Executive and Council regarding what programs need to be maintained while they make the final determinations. Staff will do an analysis of budgets to determine where funding for programs has been coming from; MIDD funds or otherwise to ensure they do not have a supplantation issue. There will be a request for public comment throughout this process.

Councilmember Dave Asher requested an accounting of what programs are being considered for funding and cuts.

This ramp down change was known and expected to happen. The difficult aspect is due to the current state of the general fund. This has been a very transparent process. The programs that are being funded through MIDD supplantation know who they are.

In three weeks, the Executive will send out instructions to the agencies about how to prepare proposals for the 2017-18 budget (1/6th of the budget is general fund). There will be many service and staff cuts that result from this budget cycle. On September 26th the Executive will propose his budget to the Council with final decisions made around Thanksgiving 2016.

6. Services Stabilization Pool, Kelli Carroll

As MIDD I ramps down and MIDD II ramps up, County staff have been working on ways to make sure people receiving services are not negatively impacted. Kelli spoke about the concept that is under development to accomplish this.

Providers identified last spring that stabilizing services to vulnerable people is important during the move from MIDD I to MIDD II programming. County staff, including the budget office, has a conceptual agreement on creating the MIDD Services Stabilization pool. The vision for the pool funds is that they will be used to ensure there are no service disruptions for vulnerable populations during the MIDD transition. The Services Stabilization Pool will ensure MIDD funding does not end on December 31, 2016.

7. MIDD Financial and Budget Update, Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS)

The current budget includes the adopted budget and three supplemental requests that have been approved by Council. Last month Council approved \$378,000 that was the result of a bargaining agreement with the Department of Public Defense. This does not adjust the bottom line at all.

The strategy team is working to develop transparent processes for spending and performance with our service providers. This information will help us more accurately predict how the biennium budget will end up.

As of December 31, 2015 there was an approximately \$350,000 under expenditure from what was estimated. This translates to an undesignated fund balance of about \$1.6 million. This number has not changed since the last meeting. The last two columns do not add value to this information due to the MIDD renewal.

8. Role and Composition Discussion, Co-chairs Bender and Cousin

The plan is to have draft recommendations to review at our April meeting that reflect the group's brainstorming process. The recommendations on this document will help us shape our role and proposal to the Council moving forward.

9. Review and Approve the 8th MIDD Annual Report, Lisa Kimmerly, MIDD Evaluator

The 8th MIDD Annual Report covers year seven of MIDD, October 2014 through the end of September 2015. The five MIDD policy goals were boiled down to three key outcome categories:

- Symptom Reduction
- System use (jail, psychiatric hospitalization, emergency department)
- Linkage to other Council initiatives

New in this report:

- Presentation of aggregate system outcomes measures over time (as opposed to average days of use within individuals who have system use). This means the report shows the sum or total number of bookings, days, admission, etc. to jails, emergency departments, and psychiatric hospitals. There are relevant results on each strategy page, as well as in the appendices starting on page 59.
- Use of 2008 Evaluation Addendum targeted reduction goals to serve as a yardstick for determining strategy effectiveness in meeting MIDD system use targets (rather than statistically significant average change within individuals) – see page 8.
- A new source for emergency department data allowed limited pilot analyses and the results appear on page 67.

After much discussion the Committee agreed unanimously to “accept” the report rather than “approve” it. The evaluator was asked by some members for additional information and analysis, including an update of page 49 with data relevant to the current reporting period.

Next year there will be a two meeting approach to the Annual Report in order to review it in the first session and approve it in the second.

10. Strategy Update: FIRS, Stephanie Trolen and Leesa Manion, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
Family Intervention and Restorative Services (FIRS) is a joint project with the Prosecutor’s Office, Superior Court, Department of Judicial Administration, Department of Public Defense, and Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention. FIRS is an alternative response to family violence cases that flips the current model of providing services only after an individual has been sentenced in Superior Court. Family violence represents the largest category of violent offenses referred to the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office; one third of bookings into Juvenile Detention on new offenses.

Last year FIRS received MIDD funding for a 12-month pilot of the Step Up program that allowed them to hire two probation officers and two additional social workers. Step Up is an evidence based program specific to domestic violence crimes for youth and their family. Phase One of FIRS is improving access to services without criminal charges. Phase Two of FIRS is a non-detention respite center scheduled to open in summer 2016 with money from the City of Seattle. This center is currently housed within the current juvenile detention center and will move when the new center is built.

Eleven youth have been referred to the Step Up program and nine youth have been referred to other FIRS Evidence-Based Programs including Functional Family Therapy, Multi-Systemic Therapy, and Family Integrated Treatment. In 2015 there were 550 family violence cases, 18 of which received evidence-based treatment.

Judge Craighead remarked that this program is essential and needs more funding next year because it is the only way to divert more serious cases of all types, not just juvenile justice.

A thank you was offered to the fund balance work group, MIDD Oversight Committee, King County Council and Executive on behalf of kids.

11. Public comment ~ No report.

ADJOURNED at 1:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2016

King County Chinook Building, Rooms 121 & 123

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