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Dear Behavioral Health Partners, Community Members, and Stakeholders:

On June 17, we shared with you the first draft of our final deliverable for MIDD 2 planning and renewal work called for by Ordinance: **the draft MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan**. This plan serves as the blueprint for MIDD 2, should the MIDD sales tax be extended by the King County Council. Today, we release a slightly modified version based on feedback we received.

A total of 65 comments on the draft MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan were received by King County. The comments were provided online, June 17-30, through a survey portal, via email, or in person at the MIDD Oversight Committee meeting held on June 23. The vast majority of comments endorsed or supported particular program(s), in some cases advocating for additional funding. Detailed information on public comment is posted on the MIDD Renewal website. All public feedback has been catalogued, including the names/organizations of those providing feedback. Feedback will be appended and included with the Service Improvement Plan that is transmitted to the Council in August.

There are very few changes between the June 17 and July 21 versions of the Plan. We finalized work on two of the Appendices and revised the Initiative Description documents with updated information and feedback. We updated and clarified information around the discussion of evidence related to successful outcomes.

As a reminder, the Service Improvement Plan builds on the success of the first MIDD, which was a groundbreaking partnership between health and human services, criminal justice, King County government, and community providers, and sets forth a path to overcome the few challenges of MIDD 1.

The recommended initiatives, policies, and processes that comprise MIDD 2 are:

- Informed by community and Oversight Committee input;
- Grounded in the County’s Equity and Social Justice work;
- Driven by outcomes;
- Guided by the behavioral health continuum of care; and
- Aligned with other County policy initiatives.

As you know from the development of the MIDD 2 funding and programmatic recommendations that took place in March through May, successful MIDD 1 programs are proposed to continue into MIDD 2, along with 16 new initiatives. The programmatic and funding recommendations that were shared on May 20 and discussed at the May 26 MIDD Oversight Committee meeting are included in this draft MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan. Additional detail and programmatic descriptions for the recommended initiatives are included in today’s draft Plan as Initiative Description documents that are included in the Plan (Appendix H).

Please note that the Initiative Description documents provide *initial* implementation and evaluation information. It is important to recognize that the information in these documents is preliminary and subject to revision, based on revised policy goals, the adopted budget, and community feedback that might occur during the upcoming implementation planning work or as a result of changed funding levels that may occur during the County’s budget adoption process.

In most instances, information for the proposed new MIDD 2 initiatives is very preliminary due to the need to conduct detailed implementation planning in collaboration with stakeholders and communities. Additionally, most existing MIDD 1 initiatives that are recommended to continue into MIDD 2 will also undergo some form of operational updating to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and meet revised policy goals. All initiatives will be included and detailed in a MIDD 2 Implementation Plan that is recommended to be submitted to the Council in 2017. Detailed implementation planning for new MIDD 2 initiatives necessarily involves internal and external partners to King County, like providers or other stakeholders, and will thus be embarked upon throughout the balance of 2016 and into 2017.

The development of MIDD 2 initial draft funding and programmatic recommendations were – and continue to be – significantly influenced by community voices and priorities.

Process and Next Steps:

- The revised draft MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan will be discussed at the July 28 MIDD Oversight Committee meeting. A public comment period is set aside during the meeting for those who sign up at the meeting; two minutes per person, three per group. The meeting is in the Chinook Building, 401 Fifth Avenue, Rooms 121-123. It starts at 12:15 and is slated to end at 2 p.m.

- The King County Executive will transmit a final revised Service Improvement Plan to the Council on August 25.

Please note that the draft MIDD 2 Service Improvement Plan, including the programmatic recommendations, may be amended or changed by the Executive prior to transmittal to the Council, or by the Council during its deliberations.

King County's MIDD 2 has been developed in a clear and straightforward way: four strategy areas that reflect a continuum from prevention to crisis services, linked to outcomes. We are intentionally collaborating with initiatives like Best Starts for Kids so that we can braid services and funding. MIDD 2 will focus on increasing diversity and geographic availability of services providers. We are integrating our behavioral health system, working with partners, and "busting silos" so that services are person-, not program-centered.

Thank you for your ongoing support of King County and of MIDD. We look to you as our partners and stakeholders to help us develop and implement a revised that furthers our work to promote opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential.

Please find all relevant MIDD renewal materials here:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/MIDDrenewal>

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