

Attendance:  
Members/  
Designees

Seats	Members	Designees
1-King County District Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Mahoney	
2-King County Department of Judicial Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Miner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Mason
3-King County Regional Homelessness Authority	Vacant	
4-King County Uniting for Youth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jorene Reiber	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Daniels
5-King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Satterberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carla Lee <input type="checkbox"/> Leesa Manion
6-Department of Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Worsham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Finegood
7-King County Department of Public Defense	<input type="checkbox"/> Anita Khandelwal	<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Hurley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tara Urs
8-King County Superior Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ketu Shah	
9-King County Department of Community and Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo Flor	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelli Nomura
10-King County Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeanne Kohl-Welles	<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Fowler
11-King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Larsen	
12-the Executive	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelli Carroll	
13-King County Sheriff's Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Patti Cole-Tindall	
14-King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	Vacant	
15-Puget Sound Educational Services District	nomination in process <input type="checkbox"/> (Minu Ranna Stewart)	
16-Community Health Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claudia D'Allegrì	
17-Harborview Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunny Lovin	
18-bona fide labor organization	Vacant	
19-City of Seattle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Sakuma	
20-provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County	Vacant	
21-provider of sexual assault victim services in King County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Merchant	
22-domestic violence prevention services in King County	<input type="checkbox"/> Trenecsia Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> Carlin Yoophum
23-agency providing mental health and chemical dependency services to youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Austin	
24-National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	nomination in process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah Bainbridge)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Katie Mahoney)
25-provider of culturally specific chemical dependency services in King County	<input type="checkbox"/> Mario Paredes	
26-organization with expertise in helping individuals with behavioral health needs in King County get jobs and live independent lives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke	<input type="checkbox"/> Danielle Burt
27-representative from the Sound Cities Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brenda Fincher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Stearns
28-City of Bellevue	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynne Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helena Stephens
29-provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in King County	<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Brady	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Clayton
30-King County Hospitals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darcy Jaffe	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooke Evans
31-philanthropic organization	Vacant	

32-organization with expertise in recovery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joshua Wallace	<input type="checkbox"/> Cody West
33-managed care organizations operating in King County	<input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Molberg	
34-grassroots organization serving a cultural population	<input type="checkbox"/> Fartun Mohamed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rowaida Mohammed
35-Unincorporated King County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Smith	
36-An individual representing behavioral health consumer interests from the mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee's consumers and communities ad hoc work group	Vacant	
37-An individual representing community interests from the mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee's consumers and communities ad hoc work group	Vacant	
<b>28 Filled Seats; Quorum = 15 2 Nominations in process 7 Vacant Seats</b>	<b>13 members 1 impending member</b>	<b>7 designees (5 standing in for member)</b>

Attendance: King County staff: Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Chelsea Walch, Isabel Jones, Scott Miller, Brandi DeFazio, Emmy McConnell, Dan Floyd, Marc Seligson, Nick Makhani, Warren Kagarise, Adam Cooper, Rebecca Roy, Kapena Pflum

Initiative Briefing Presenters: Rochelle Clayton Strunk and Laura Smith

NOTE: Non-members joined via PublicInput. Though due to technical difficulties (livestream), some non-members transitioned to Zoom.

Notes by: Chelsea Walch

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
<b>Welcome</b>	Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegrì began the meeting by greeting everyone and providing an overview of how to use Zoom and PublicInput features, and other meeting logistics for members and other participants.	
<b>Review/Approve Meeting Notes</b>	Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegrì gave everyone a moment to review the draft December meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
<b>Equity Moment</b>	<p>Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegrì introduced the Equity Grounding Moment, an opportunity for members to share a recent experience where equity was in the forefront, either in their organization or in the community.</p> <p>As discussed last meeting, Co-Chair D’Allegrì shared that there will be specific volunteers for specific months going forward – this month being Jeff Sakuma and Sunny Lovin.</p> <p>Sunny Lovin, with Harborview Medical Center, shared work that is happening with the hospital-wide Equity, Diversion, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee. Lovin discussed the newly launched Community Conversations Project, sharing the link to a video series on the project: <a href="https://vimeo.com/596255277">https://vimeo.com/596255277</a>. Lovin shared that a member of the EDI</p>	

	<p>Committee will sit with representatives from diverse communities and discuss p how to create better partnerships with the communities that are served by Harborview. For example, in an interview regarding the Pacific Islander community, they topic focused on how best to partner to educate and increase vaccination rates within the Pacific Islander community.</p> <p>Jeff Sakuma shared about his 96-year old mother and how he has decided over the past couple years to focus his time on listening to her and learning about the stories she has to share. Sakuma realized in those discussions that his journey around equity and justice starts with his parents, particularly his mother who grew up in King County. His mother and a group of friends chose to leave internment camps as young people during the Second World War to be sponsored as nannies in the Midwest. While difficult in the beginning, it was their way of getting out of imprisonment, going back to help her family as soon as WWII was over. Hearing these stories made Sakuma realize her sense of justice stemming from that experience, and her willingness and openness to learning about and accepting people in her life. While often quiet, she was always clear about that experience and what it taught her about never wanting it to happen to others. Sakuma shared that is where his works starts, and his journey continues.</p> <p>Co-Chair D’Allegrri shared the list of volunteers for the upcoming equity moments and indicated that the list will be emailed to all members and the presenters reminded prior to their presentation.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Rebecca Roy invited anyone who called into the meeting using PublicInput interested in public comment to press the ‘*’ key and follow the brief instructions to either submit a voice recording public comment or add themselves to the public speaker queue.</p> <p>There were no requests for public comment. Due to technical difficulties (livestream) with PublicInput, Roy recommended that the MIDD AC be flexible with public comment period. Co-Chair Claudia D’Allegrri agreed and asked Roy to notify her if anyone signs up for public comment later in the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>MIDD Financial Report and Biennial Budget Timeline</b></p>	<p>Scott Miller, King County Department of Human Community Services (DCHS) Business and Finance Officer IV, provided an update on the financial plan. The financial status of the MIDD Fund has not changed since the last report. There are no new revenue forecasts. An updated revenue forecasts is expected in March. This will start the budget development process. Estimates of biennial spending remain stable.</p> <p>Nick Makhani, Finance Controller for DCHS, responded to the request last month for the 2023-2024 budget timeline. Makhani gave an overview of what the upcoming budget process entails. The County is currently in the</p>	

	<p>'21-'22 budget biennium which means that the '23-'24 biennium budget will be created early this year. In March, Finance will be starting the Agency Baseline Budget Development, taking the base '21-'22 budget and adding inflation to that for various staff costs or other to maintain current services in future years. The budget officer is also going to apply central rates so services that are provided to the MIDD division from other County entities will be added to the base budget. Makhani added that while there is a lot of nuances and details, they are working closely with the program and policy teams. The Agency Proposed Budget is taking the base budget and collaborating with the programs, the budget office, and the executive office to figure out any changes that they want to propose to the base budget, including reductions due to staffing needs and program changes.</p> <p>Makhani added that MIDD is 1 of 13 programs in DCHS that will be going through a budget process. In total, DCHS has a \$1.9 billion budget. This will occur Springtime/early Summer and is due to the Executive/Budget Office in July. With all the technical details and policy proposals in-hand, the Executive and Budget Office will review and make modifications. Additionally, there will be briefings where Finance staff will present to King County's Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (PSB) some technical information and members will have policy briefings.</p> <p>Come September, the Executive will decide which of the incremental changes ("decision packages") are going to be formally approved and forward to Council. Late September, Council will review budget proposals from a policy and technical perspective. This provides an opportunity for DCHS, the Executive, and Council to partner. Finance Staff will brief Council and their staff in a process that is often public. Around late November, Council will hold hearings and vote to formally approve a budget for '23-'24. The Finance Team will use the rest of the year to create the accounting infrastructure to ensure dollars are accounted for and reported to various entities, such as the public. The budget will take full effect January 1, 2023.</p>	
<p><b>ACTION: Equity Definition – Review and Approve</b></p>	<p>Following feedback from the last meeting that resulted in further review and edits to the Equity Definition, Co-Chair Claudia D'Allegri presented the revised Equity Definition for final feedback and formal approval.</p> <p>Robin Pfohman provided background on the origin of the Equity Definition and the various drafts born from suggestions and feedback at previous meetings. Having integrated the feedback and made more edits, Pfohman asked if it's possible to approve the definition at this point or if there are additional comments, concerns, or further edits.</p> <p>Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke made a comment regarding proper grammar in the second line. Fiedler-Gohlke also questioned whether the word "view" is</p>	

	<p>understandable or actionable enough versus using a word like “support”. Pfohman indicated that those edits can be made.</p> <p>King County Councilmember Chris Stearns asked if having “access to behavioral health services” should be spelled out more to indicate “equal” or “equitable” access to affordable behavioral health services. Co-Chair D’Allegrì stated that those edits can be made.</p> <p>Based on the feedback, the second line was changed to: “We believe that all community members should have <u>equitable access to affordable</u> behavioral health services that <u>respect and value</u> their unique beliefs, cultures, identities, languages, lived experiences, and notions of health and well-being as strengths to promote recovery and resilience.”</p> <p>Approval of the final revised Equity Definition was given by consensus.</p>	
<p><b>Legislative Update</b></p>	<p>Isabel Jones, Deputy Director for the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) at DCHS, gave a legislative update. She oversees the policy agenda and work during this year’s 60-day legislative session, of which they are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Jones gave a presentation on the King County Behavioral Health legislative priorities, which she explained are created prior to the legislative session. They then work with legislators throughout session to advance those priorities. There are always legislation, bills, and policy ideas that come forward during session that are not anticipated beforehand. They take the time to analyze new bills, confer with stakeholders, and sometimes even take a public position on a piece of legislation that may not be on the legislative priority document.</p> <p>The three main strategy areas for the legislative priorities this year are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Develop and sustain the essential behavioral health workforce;</li> <li>2) Enhance community-based response to behavioral health crises; and</li> <li>3) Fund capital investments to expand and enhance access to care.</li> </ol> <p>Brad Finegood asked what operational costs look like for the behavioral health urgent care facility? Jones responded that it receives capital funding now and wouldn’t expect to see it built until 2024. Jones stated that they will likely have to ask for the operational appropriation in a future session. Some of it would be Medicaid-funded, but not all. They do not yet have a site in mind yet.</p> <p>Councilmember Stearns inquired as to what is happening with the recovery navigation program that was to be created in response to last year’s legislature that made drug possession a misdemeanor and required law enforcement divert people to recovery service. Jones responded that they have put out a procurement to bring on one or more providers to the</p>	

	<p>recovery navigator program. The procurement process is open right now and closes this coming Monday. Jones indicated that the intent would be to launch in Quarter 2 of 2022; all is in motion.</p> <p>Helena Stephens asked if Jones could share any current bills that are in front the legislators right now so that they can track those in alignment with the legislative agenda. Jones responded that there are a lot of behavioral health bills, but she could type some bill numbers into the chat. Stephens asked if Jones could send the list of bills to Robin for distribution to the MIDD Steering Committee. Pfohman indicated that can be done.</p>	
<p><b>Initiative Briefing: Empower Youth Network (SI-02)</b></p>	<p>Rochelle Clayton Strunk, Director of Programs at Encompass Northwest, gave an overview of the Snoqualmie Valley Behavioral Health Therapeutic Support Program, a partnership project with Empower Youth Network which is funded by MIDD. Strunk shared that the program’s mission is to partner with families to build healthy foundations for children. This is achieved through a variety of youth programs.</p> <p>Laura Smith, Director of Empower Youth Network, continued the presentation regarding the two organizations’ partnership. Smith shared that their partnership is largely rooted in a desire to continue to increase the community’s capacity to support itself during this time. The mission being to promote and inspire youth to lead safe, healthy and successful lives and envisioning building better futures for youth. They are looking to support direct Behavioral Health services in Snoqualmie Valley – both directly with children and their families, as well as supporting the urgent need for more behavioral health staff.</p> <p>A video was played from the Encompass Annual Fundraiser, sharing the real story of a mother experiencing homelessness in Seattle, her struggle with addiction, and a reunion with her son in the foster care system.</p> <p>Helena Stephens asked if Empower Northwest is working with any other groups that may be adjacent to Snoqualmie Valley. Laura Smith stated that this particular project is primarily the Snoqualmie Valley, but they would be happy to continue to expand outside of that region.</p>	
<p><b>Co-Chair Nomination Process</b></p>	<p>Co-Chair Judge Shah presented the Co-Chair Nomination Process. They received one nomination, Mario Paredes. He has agreed to accept the nomination.</p> <p>Co-Chair Judge Shah asked if there were any additional nominations. If so, let them know by no later than January 31, 2022. The goal is to have a new Co-Chair in place prior to the February meeting.</p> <p>Co-Chair Judge Shah recognized exiting Co-Chair, Claudia D’Allegrì, for her time and willingness to serve the MIDD Advisory Committee as Co-Chair.</p>	

<b>Agenda Items for February Meeting</b>	Email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the February 2022 meeting.	
<b>Adjourned</b>	1:30 PM	
<b>Next meeting</b>	Thursday, February 24, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m. <i>Members and Designees access via Zoom</i> <i>Non-members access via <a href="#">PublicInput (link on MIDD website)</a></i>	