

## MIDD Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes June 9, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Member/Non-members access meeting via Zoom

Attendance: Members/ Designees

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

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32-organization with expertise in	☐Joshua Wallace	☐Cody West
recovery		
33-managed care organizations	☐Jessica Molberg	
operating in King County		
34-grassroots organization serving a	☐ Fartun Mohamed	⊠Rowaida Mohammed
cultural population		
35-Unincorporated King County	⊠Laura Smith	
36-An individual representing behavioral	Vacant	
health consumer interests from the		
mental illness and drug dependency		
advisory committee's consumers and		
communities ad hoc work group		
37-An individual representing	Vacant	
community interests from the mental		
illness and drug dependency advisory		
committee's consumers and		
communities ad hoc work group		

Attendance: King County staff: Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Chelsea Walch, Scott Miller, Isabel Jones, Brandi DeFazio, Halima Lozano, Marc Seligson, Deborah Stake, Stephanie Moyes, Chelsea Baylan, Jilly Murphy, Lawrence Evans, Chan Saelee, Callista Welbaum, Ericka Turley, Ryan Black

Other: Hali Willis

Notes by: Chelsea Walch

Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
Welcome	Co-Chair Laura Smith began the meeting by welcoming attendees. Co-Chair Smith provided an overview of how to use Zoom features, including how to rename yourself, and meeting logistics for members and other participants.	
	Co-Chair Smith reminded everyone that PublicInput is no longer being used as a platform for these meetings. She advised that both members and non-members are on the same Zoom call, but they intend to enforce member only participation more strictly through questions, and comments both verbally and in the chat box to align with King County policy. Co-Chair Smith advised there will still be a public comment period for audience members to contribute. If anyone is interested in making a public comment, send Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman or Robin Pfohman a chat message.	
	Co-Chair Smith advised that Chelsea Walch with King County is in Room 123 of the Chinook building for in-person attendance at today's meeting ion compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Steering Committee will begin discussions on how to proceed with hybrid meetings as more and more of us start to return back into the office.	
	Co-Chair Smith made an announcement about the recent equity training, thanking everyone who participated. For those who were not able to attend, the link to the video and the slide deck are on the MIDD website under "Meeting Materials". Robin Pfohman will be sending those materials	

Review/Approve Meeting Notes Equity Focus Moment	out to all members next week in advance of Part Two on June 23. Co-Chair Smith advised that they encourage all MIDD Advisory Committee members to attend both trainings and if unable to, please watch the training video and review the materials.  Co-Chair Laura Smith gave everyone a moment to review the draft April meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved by consensus.  Co-Chair Laura Smith introduced the Equity Focus, an opportunity for members to share a recent experience where equity was in the forefront, either in their organization or in the community.  Mario Paredes discussed the topic of gun violence and how it is impacting their communities, especially communities of color. He specifically touched upon the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas and how after events such as those, it is a struggle to pull the divided communities back together as they do not have	
	a strategic integrated systematic approach to preventing it in the future. Paredes discussed the recent gun legislation that was passed and how it got him to thinking about the Founding Fathers creating gun legislation so many years ago that it is no longer relevant to the current situation. Paredes believes that it could be any of their communities and that conversation needs to stay ongoing, especially in communities of color. Arming teachers and students is not the solution and more creative solutions are needed, including funding in order to be proactive in the protection of kids and families.  Co-Chair Laura Smith shared that a few minute ago she received an email stating the House passes gun violence prevention measures to protect schools and communities. While Smith has not read it yet, she stated that hopefully they will start to see some progress.	
Public Comment	There was no request for public comment.	
MIDD Financial Report and Budget Next Steps	Scott Miller, King County Department of Human Community Services ("DCHS") Business and Finance Officer IV, provided an update on the financial report for April 2022. The April 2022 Financial Plan reflects actual biennial revenue and expense through April 30, 2022. The biggest change is that they bumped up the estimated under expenditure to \$20.5 million for the biennium. The estimated underspend will inform the '23-'24 budget planning. The underspend dollars will go to their MIDD fund balance. That, combined with their revenue forecast for '23-'24, less reserves will help set the expenditure budget for '23-'24. An expenditure reserve of \$6 million has been added for Cascade Hall. They expect this will be encumbered and spent in 2022, reducing the current underspend estimate. There are no changes to the estimated '21-'22 biennial revenues. An update to the	

revenue forecast can be expected in July, as well as a second quarter update to inflation factors.

Ryan Black, Finance Manager for DCHS, made a couple comments on the additional dollars put in reserve for Cascade Hall. While \$10 million was initially estimated for Cascade Hall, with the State providing \$6 million and \$4 from the MIDD budget. When King County reviewed the proposal and the facility, they were directed to put \$2 million into a contingency account in case of upgrades, repairs or improvements tat need to be made to make the facility appropriate for their standards. If it's not sued, then it would revert back to the MIDD fund balance.

Co-Chair Judge Ketu Shah commented that there are '21-'22 budget expenditures are going to be just shy of \$170 million and they are projecting expenditures in '23-'24 because of the underspend. With that change, Co-Chair Judge Shah asked if they are budgeting in a way that reiterates the MIDD principles that have gone through many budget cycles and prioritize current programs. He wants to ensure there is a standard of living wages, etc. Scott Miller stated that yes, they have existing initiatives and will add economic adjustment. Miller added that they do expect that \$3 million will get all emerging issues and they do expect some executive priorities for MIDD funding.

Co-Chair Judge Shah asked if they have any sense of what that MIDD funding. Miller stated that they have a sense of it, in varying degrees of names and numbers of priorities. He can't speak in more detail now, but the proposal will be in order by July's meeting. Miller stated that if there is any slack in the budget, they can they make a point to call it out.

Co-Chair Judge Shah for everyone that the MIDD Advisory Committee has done a lot of work on priorities and funding. He hopes that the Executive will take those priorities into account.

Mario Paredes commented that every time they have access, they are always finding a way to expand. Sometimes there are more strategies or more programming, etc. that leads to overspend in the end. If not, there isn't wiggle room to address all of the challenges faced. Paredes strongly recommended looking at preserving the safety net for current programs that may not be currently relevant with the new priorities. Scott Miller stated that there is an expenditure reserve that's covered 60 days and there has been discussion around extending or growing that, balanced against providing the money where it's needed when it's needed.

Mario Paredes commented that during the pandemic, some programs received a reduction in funding. Some of those reductions were never

reinstated but new programs are being added. Paredes suggested that they look at the current system first and figure out if the current system needs additional support.

Robin Pfohman commented that most of the MIDD initiatives were restored, and they are currently revisiting the nine initiatives that were not restored. Some are still struggling with the same challenges in terms of staffing or capacity and so they might not be recommending restoration for their own initiatives. Pfohman stated that a couple Behavioral Health and Recovery Division ("BHRD") proposals will be looking at some initiatives that have identified capacity issues and have no need for funding. The Emerging Issues Initiative will be \$1.3 million dollars of one time funding the Advisory Committee to develop those recommendations for consideration.

Christina Mason asked if there is an option to keep surplus funds in reserve to buffer against cuts in '23-'24 due to a projected economic recession. Ryan Black stated that there is a 60 day buffer and the policy behind that is in case of a recession. That reserve allows them to go through an entire biennium without making a programmatic reduction. It gives time to be thoughtful in how they reprogram and downsize over a period of time. Scott Miller added that the Executive Office, the Office of Performance Strategy and Budget, and Dwight Bailey, their budget director, help to consider those kinds of impacts.

## 2021 MIDD Annual Report Review and Discussion

Mark Seligson and Halima Lozano presented the 2021 MIDD Annual Report and data dashboard, including feedback from the Steering Committee, which met on Monday to review it. The goal is to include the broader Advisory Committee to provide some input and obtain approval at the end of the discussion.

Marc Seligson began by sharing major impacts and key accomplishments in 2021. He noted that even with some of the reductions, they were still able to serve nearly 19,000 people across the 50 initiatives. There are almost \$65 million invested in communities across the County and over 141 community implementing partners. Seligson noted that some of the feedback that they got from the Steering Committee was to make it clearer that some of the key accomplishments were only for the programs that were eligible. So when you see 42% fewer psychiatric inpatient admissions, there will be a note to clarifying that that's not related to the 18,907 people. He shared there was feedback from the Steering Committee regarding the numbers around jail bookings and they want to make it more clear in the report that there were changes in how things were handled during COVID which led to those numbers.

Seligson discussed highlighting some of the specific people and communities who've been helped, sharing that they are going to have

Marc Seligson and Halima Lozano will take suggestions back to consider as the County finalizes the 2021 MIDD Annual Report. access to more blog posts to share about MIDD throughout the year, as well as this new DCHS Instagram that's getting launched, which will be another channel to be sharing more of the MIDD stories all throughout the year.

Seligson then went into each of the strategy areas and initiatives underneath. He explained what each of the strategy areas are and how the work of each of those initiatives wraps up in the bigger goals. They have our demographics at the strategy level, and the strategy area level for each of those five areas. Seligson stated there will be links to dig in more on the data dashboard.

Judge Ketu Shah expressed his gratitude for the color scheme and the organization of the charts in the report, as well as the breakdown of information. Co-Chair Judge Shah commented that the report gives context about the initiatives and that is a helpful feature, and that Mayor Robinson would likely appreciate the geographic maps.

Marc Seligson confirmed that Mayor Robinson did give feedback at the past Monday's Steering Committee meeting indicating appreciation for the geographic maps in the report.

Jeff Sakuma commented on the graphics on Page 8 of the report which contain two maps. Sakura commented that it appears they are comparing one map to the other, but the title does not match the point being made. He expressed concern that people would not understand what point is being made by the two maps. Marc Seligson agreed that it is an awkward title.

Mario Paredes commented that the report is very comprehensive and well done. He asked for clarification regarding the report reflecting that substance use disorder numbers went down during 2021. He said to keep in mind a few things, including the changes in law that impacted people in treatment leading to them no longer attending treatment, as well as the increase in sales of alcohol and marijuana across the state and that most schools – if not all – were closed at some point during the pandemic. As a result, all the youth receiving substance use treatment didn't have the same access to services.

Robin Pfohman responded to Mario Paredes' comments, stating that they did try to provide context in the introduction about the situation with COVID that was not necessarily included in the 2020 report. They tried to include the challenges being faced now such as fentanyl overdoses. Seligson agreed that there are things that were missed in terms of the situation setting, and will consider integrating what these situations may be by

adding sentences. Seligson commented that they will be meeting with the graphic designer to over the reality of what can be changed right now.

Mario Paredes clarified that he was not asking for anything to be changed, just commenting that it may not reflect everything. Pfohman responded that she agrees there were a lot of things happening in 2021, and for authenticity purposes, they could consider pulling together a meeting of interested Advisory Committee members to help provide guidance and direction. These issues would likely be featured in next year's report.

Jeff Sakuma asked for clarification on a sentence on Page 6: "Workers faced historic underinvestment in the nonprofit sector..." Marc Seligson responded that it should probably say "historical", to indicate they are really trying to show that behavioral health in general been underfunded for a long period of time.

Halima Lozano gave a run through of the 2021 interactive data dashboard in the report. Lozano advised that while traditionally they used to provide the performance measurement and evaluation team a supplement of the annual report. At one point it was in the form of a PDF, and then transitioned into an interactive dashboard in the effort to move towards an online presence in the County as well as more of a focus on being able to democratize and make more transparent the data. Lozano advised that the point is to allow people to dive deeper into the data and get all of the details in a reader-friendly way.

Lozano advised that this year, they have been able to put out even more data and make noteworthy changes. Lozano noted there are six tabs on the dashboard in Tableau and there are notes on what they are seeing and not seeing, as some results may be suppressed in order to maintain antonymy for programs. Lozano discussed how to navigate through the various tabs and locate data such as demographics, particular strategies, and results.

Steve Larsen, Chief Administrator of the King County Jail, commented on jail bookings and asked how they can get more context as to how they gather the qualitative information about what's happening in partner agencies, etc.

Halima Lozano responded that when Larsen has a chance to review, they would like to get his take on how to characterize environmental impacts of their outcomes. They do quantitative data collection, which is most of what is seen on the dashboard, and narrative reporting. Lozano advised that they are having conversations and collaborating with data sources and contacts at data source organizations to contextualize more why the numbers are what they are. They are hoping to be able to add more contextualization in

the report, but really anything that is not quantitative is from narrative reports from the providers and programs managers. George Gonzalez asked how often the report is updated. Lozano responded that the report has to be updated on an annual basis, however they are hoping within the next three years or sooner to start updating the report on a quarterly basis. Mario Paredes asked if the tool will be available to all committee members and if so, when would that become available. Lozano responded that the annual report is currently being sent out for review and this dashboard is available upon request via email. This is because Tableau access is required, and they have not made the dashboard available for committee members beforehand. Robin Pfohman advised that the data dashboard will be available on the MIDD website for everyone to use once the annual report goes through all approval processes later this summer. Helena Stephens asked if this dashboard tool be set up in such a where partner agencies could download their data into it automatically. Lozano responded that this is first a foremost a public facing tool, so there could be opportunities for providers to upload and interact with their own data on an internal basis. At this time, because they do a lot of data processing including data quality checks and cleaning, Lozano advised that they need to still process the data in some way. Councilmember Chris Stearns asked if the dashboard captures anything related to gambling disorder or is that something that could happen in the future. Lozano responded that they don't collect that data at this time, but it could be a consideration in the future. Co-Chair Judge Shah reminded everyone of the second part of the Equity Training on June 23. Agenda Items for Email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the July 2022 May/June Meeting meeting. **Adjourned** 1:30 PM **Next meeting** Thursday, July 28, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Members, Designees, and non-Members access via Zoom