

*Attendance:
Members/
Designees*

Seats	Members	Designees
1-King County District Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Matthew York	
2-King County Department of Judicial Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Miner	<input type="checkbox"/> Christina Mason
3-King County Regional Homelessness Authority	Vacant	
4-King County Uniting for Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Jorene Reiber	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Daniels
5-King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Leesa Manion	<input type="checkbox"/> Carla Lee
6-Department of Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Faisal Khan	<input type="checkbox"/> Brad Finegood
7-King County Department of Public Defense	<input type="checkbox"/> Anita Khandelwal	<input type="checkbox"/> Nathan Bays
8-King County Superior Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ketu Shah	
9-King County Department of Community and Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Leo Flor	
10-King County Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Perry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Osman Salahuddin
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Ellerbrook
14-King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Jasmeet Singh	<input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Graye
15-Puget Sound Educational Services District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minu Ranna Stewart	
16-Community Health Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Claudia D'Allegri	
17-Harborview Medical Center	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacey Devenney	
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"/> George Gonzalez	
22-domestic violence prevention services in King County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trenecsia Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> Carlin Yoophum <input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Glenwell
23-agency providing mental health and chemical dependency services to youth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Austin	
24-National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Getzel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah Bainbridge
25-provider of culturally specific chemical dependency services in King County	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Paul Charbonneau
28-City of Bellevue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynne Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helena Stephens
29-provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in King County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Brady	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Clayton
30-King County Hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/> Darcy Jaffe	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooke Evans
31-philanthropic organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Teunon	

32-organization with expertise in recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Wallace	<input checked="" 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 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	

Attendance: Libby Hollingshead, Jacob Bentley, Duniya Lang, Diem Nguyen, Scott Miller, Nikki Nguyen, Robin Pfohman, Denise Mote, Lisa Floyd, Hali Willis

Notes by: Denise Mote

Issues	Discussion	Action Items
Welcome	Co-chair Laura Smith, Executive Director for Empower Youth Network, began the meeting by greeting everyone and providing an overview of how to use Zoom features and reviewing meeting logistics for members and other participants.	
Review/Approve Meeting Notes	Co-chair Smith gave everyone a moment to review the March meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
Equity Focus <i>Cody West, organization with expertise in recovery</i> <i>Brenda Fincher, representative from the Sound Cities Association</i>	<p>Cody West started the Equity Focus by sharing Peer WA's EDI efforts since 2020, including creating a JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Affinity Group for staff, and adopting the NFL's "Rooney Rule" for recruiting practices, elevating candidates who identify as non-white, and only moving hiring forward if there is at least one BIPOC and one female candidate in final round interviews. Before implementing these recruiting efforts BIPOC staff represented 3% of the Peer WA workforce. The end of 2022 staff demographics were: 1% unlisted, 36% BIPOC, and 63% white. Equity action steps in 2022 included: trainings and contracting with a consulting firm to outline opportunities for improvement and change. This work reinforced the need to dedicated body within the agency to carry the work forward, which led to the creation of their Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging. The job announcement for Peer WA's DEI Change Agent was shared: https://www.peerwa.org/jobs. Recent events promoting equity and diversity for members and staff were also shared.</p> <p>Brenda Fincher shared her experience with racism, emphasizing that racism is a live issue, affecting education, job pays/promotions, policing efforts, climate, healthcare, medical issues/illnesses, and transportation, and leads to a deficiency in serving underrepresented populations. Fincher encouraged members to take the time to learn about race, ethnic backgrounds, and disparities, encouraging the importance of listening,</p>	

	<p>believing, and learning. Fincher also shared a resource for review: Seattle Times – Under our Skin project.</p> <p>Committee members were moved into breakout sessions to discuss the topics shared during the Equity Focus.</p> <p>After the breakout, Smith shared the Steering Committee decided to move forward with reading the Social (In)Justice and Mental Health book, breaking down and reviewing the chapters one or two at a time, with members volunteering to co-present an overview each month. Copies of the book can be requested by emailing Denise Mote: dmote@kingcounty.gov.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No Public Comment.</p>	
<p>MIDD Financial Report <i>Scott Miller, Business and Finance Officer IV, DCHS</i></p>	<p>Co-chair Steve Larsen, Deputy Director for King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, introduced Scott Miller. Miller shared the financial plan with the initial numbers for the 23-24 biennium. Miller reported no new revenue forecasts and shared that the next update on the forecast would come in July. There are no changes in estimates for the 23-24 biennium. There is still a considerable cash balance.</p> <p><i>Mario Paredes commented:</i> Benefits are being reviewed by the Healthcare Authority, and individuals may be dropped from Medicaid. I recommend holding on to the surplus to evaluate how this implementation will affect Medicaid recipients, to continue providing services to those impacted. Is there a strategy to understand those falling off Medicaid?</p> <p><i>Robin Pfohman replied:</i> DCHS and BHRD are watching this closely and are considering additional funding support for PRI-11, the non-Medicaid therapeutic benefit. There is no data yet, but this is being monitored. Pfohman will bring this recommendation to decision-makers.</p>	
<p>Supplemental Budget Items for Consideration <i>Councilmember Sarah Perry, King County Council</i></p>	<p>Councilmember Sarah Perry presented a proposed budget amendment for consideration and feedback. CM Perry shared that her focus last year was supporting the behavioral health crisis in the county and state, and she focused more this year on how to improve crisis response so has met with first responders and service providers in hopes of gaining feedback from experts in the field. This included meeting with Crisis Connections, which was pivotal with rolling out 9-8-8. Crisis Connections has provided services since 1964, now offering the 9-8-8 line, and a program known as OneCall. OneCall launched in 2019 to assist first responders during crisis encounters with the support of a Crisis Connections behavioral health provider. This allowed first responders the opportunity to get information on a patient’s behavioral health history or crisis plan, if available. OneCall provides interventions, guidance on de-escalation, connection to a behavioral health provider, safety planning, resources and next day mental health appointments.</p>	

CM Perry is proposing an ask of \$240K for one-time/one-year funding from the 23-24 biennium MIDD undesignated fund balance as a MIDD 2 Emerging Needs Initiative. Crisis Connections Executive Director Michelle McDaniel made a late request for funding during the biennial budget discussion for the county but did not receive funding at the time. One years' worth of funding for their 2023 request was provided by the City of Seattle. This request will allow first responders to utilize this resource for the remainder of the biennium and will allow the program to continue to operate and provide resources to first responders until the next biennial budget discussion. CM Perry shared the positive experience of a KC Law Enforcement Co-Responder, Daisy Espinoza, with OneCall, which resulted in a collaboration with a patient's case manager and the co-responder team to better assist the patient's needs.

Members were given the opportunity to participate in a poll asking if they support the proposal for a one-time investment of MIDD Undesignated Funds for OneCall. Members were also given the opportunity to share comments, questions, or concerns. The intent of the poll is to inform CM Perry where the committee stands on this proposal for consideration moving forward.

Poll Questions (anonymous)

Poll question: Is data available regarding use of OneCall from 2019-2022?

CM Perry responded: Great question. We will find out and can follow-up to provide this information.

Poll question: Isn't Crisis Connections already under-staffed? Won't this cause more stress on the system?

CM Perry responded: McDaniel is encouraging of us to participate, citing a more efficient approach if we are working in sync with different providers.

Poll question: Since this is one year funding, will future funding be granted by MIDD or general funds?

CM Perry responded: The intention is to go to MIDD in the next biennium budget round.

Poll question: Sounds like a good idea, but I wonder if this is the best way to spend these funds. Would this be a duplication of services given that first responders could also call a number of pre-existing hotlines?

CM Perry responded: The goal is to bring behavioral health specialists and first responders together to meet with McDaniel to make sure the system is made whole and effective, and to reduce the amount of suffering. This is not an overlap, rather it's another opportunity.

Poll question: Will the program go away without this funding?

CM Perry responded: They don't have enough funding to do the outreach they need, that is why this is critical. This would make it possible for them

to have staffing and training to make the program as robust as possible, which wouldn't happen without the funding.

Poll question: Has this program gone through the application process for excess funds? And if not, should we have contingency funds for these types of requests?

CM Perry responded: We don't have the knowledge to answer that, but our understanding is that this was what the emerging issues funding is for. We will make sure to follow-up on that.

Pfohman clarified: They did not apply for this project through the emerging issues initiative.

Poll question: Are there any outcomes they will be measuring as a part of this work? (I don't have a sense if this is a high need and what level of frequency this would be used)

CM Perry responded: I would like to reach out to collect that information and report back to the group.

Poll question: This funding should go to current programs, such as Health One and increasing 9-8-8. One time funding is not helpful or sustainable. We need to invest into Fire Cares (Bellevue) or similar programs.

CM Perry responded: This is directly connected to 9-8-8, supported by the state legislature. Crisis Connections houses 9-8-8. We are looking at different programs to ensure the least amount of suffering. Some entities are working with them, and some are not.

Poll question: I would like the money spent towards services rather than directing calls, and wondering if we can take this concept and have 9-8-8 manage it instead?

CM Perry responded: It's all in sync.

Poll question: Seems like limited access to information given the use of [Unite Us](#) and [Julota](#) referral systems. Will OneCall have enough information given other places that are also collecting information?

CM Perry responded: First responders are bringing that information to McDaniel during these meetings (on other systems) to decide how to integrate and best utilize systems.

Poll question: Is there an unconscious bias if law enforcement is using the phone number for identifying the individual with mental health services?

CM Perry responded: I think there is unconscious bias in all of us, some more pronounced than others. If law enforcement turns to OneCall for this information, this is an opportunity for a reduction in this unconscious bias, because they will be provided information by trained volunteers and professionals who will provide information that will mitigate unconscious bias. First responders will have more information than they would without OneCall. I will bring that question to McDaniel as well to explore where there could be pitfalls and unintended consequences.

	<p><i>Poll question:</i> Is there data/statistics for reference of pre-covid/post-covid that might help in further understanding the anticipated impact and quantifying that? <i>CM Perry responded:</i> We will ask. I believe calls have increased 4-fold recently, but we will look into that for pre/post covid.</p> <p><i>Poll question:</i> I am curious if this is just a list of referrals or warm connection? <i>CM Perry responded:</i> It's both. Referrals where they are needed, and warm connections when possible/appropriate.</p> <p><u>Poll Comments (anonymous)</u> Seems like a good investment; I support the amendment; I am in support of the funding request; I like the utilization of crisis plans/safety plans. Would love to see MH advanced directives as part of the information responders could use. Patient-centered planning can make a big difference; I support the initiative but would like to see a future discussion about the inclusion of funding to support more in-person responders from agencies that are dispersed regionally; I support this proposal; volunteers are great, but this is reliant on mental health providers as staff; I think BH access with the first responder at the time of the call makes the most sense.</p> <p>The poll ended with 10 yes's and 4 nos.</p> <p>Additional questions can be sent to sarah.perry@kingcounty.gov or Osman.salahuddin@kingcounty.gov. CM Perry invited members to visit www.kingcounty.gov/perry to learn about regular grant opportunities for the community.</p>	
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item #7 (SI-05 Emerging Issues Briefing) was canceled • Committee members can send their mailing information to the MIDD team to request a copy of the Social (In)Justice and Mental Health book • No May meeting, next meeting is June 8th to review the 2022 Summary Report and Data Dashboard 	
Agenda Items for June Meeting	Review of the 2022 MIDD Summary Report (a draft will be sent at the end of May for review)	
Adjourned	1:18PM	
Next meeting	Thursday, June 8th, 2023, 12:00-1:30PM	