Crisis Care Centers (CCC) Levy Implementation Planning Community Update

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Overview of the Crisis Care Centers Levy
- Engagement Opportunity Updates
- Planning Updates
- Questions and Feedback
King County Crisis Care Centers Levy

Full Ordinance Online:

Programmatically, CCC is primarily a Capital Initiative. But operations are likely 40% or more of budget.

1. Create five new regional crisis care centers:
   Distributed geographically across the county, the centers will provide walk-in access and the potential for short-term stays to help people stabilize, depending on needs, with one center specifically serving youth.

   **Currently**
   One 46-bed crisis center for 2.3 million people in our county

2. Preserve and restore the dramatic loss of residential treatment beds:
   In 2018, 355 beds providing community-based residential care for people with mental health residential needs existed in King County. Today, only 244 of these beds are available.

   **Currently**
   Loss of 1 in 3 of our residential treatment beds in recent years
   As of July 2022, people waited an average of 44 days for a mental health residential bed.

3. Grow the behavioral health workforce pipeline:
   The proposal will create career pathways through apprenticeship programming and access to higher education, credentialing, training, and wrap-around supports. It will also invest in equitable wages for the workforce at crisis care centers.

   **Currently**
   Historic labor shortages
   A 2021 King County survey of member organizations of the King County Integrated Care Network found that job vacancies at community behavioral health agencies were at least double what they were in 2019.
King County voters approved CCC Levy

Plan development & refinement

Proposed plan finalized

Plan transmitted from Executive Constantine to King County Council for approval

April 25, 2023

June – October 2023

November – December 2023

December 2023
Regular Community Engagement Meetings

- **Community Partner Update**
  - Monthly, 3rd Tuesday, 1-2pm
  - Next meeting: August 15, 1-2pm

- **Youth Partner Workgroup**
  - Monthly, 4th Wednesday, 1-2:30pm
  - First meeting: July 26, 1-2:30pm

- **SUD Partner Workgroup**
  - Monthly, 4th Tuesday, 3-4pm
  - First meeting: August 22, 3-4pm

- **System Integration Workgroup**
  - Monthly, 2nd Thursday, 11am-12:30pm
  - First meeting: August 10, 11am-12:30pm

Interested in participating? Email kbaber@kingcounty.gov to be added to a group.
Additional Engagement Opportunities

• Focus groups, listening sessions, community meetings will be starting in late summer and fall
• CCC Levy implementation planning website will be live soon
• Community survey: https://forms.office.com/g/MW3wGVMAeM
Crisis Care Center Update

- CCC capacity needs
- CCC clinical model
- A safe and welcoming front door

- Scope of services
- System partner coordination
- Licensure & regulations
Two objectives: Stabilization & Restoration

Evaluation of Mental Health Residential continuum of services

Exploration of existing activities to understand stabilization needs - KCICN RFI

Finalize external community partner engagement strategy timeline

Engagement activities to include one-on-one meetings and topic specific focus group - August
Workforce Update

EXPAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE
RETAIN CURRENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE
INCREASE REPRESENTATION - CREATION OF A MORE DIVERSE WORKFORCE
Implementation Planning Feedback Questions

1. What would make Crisis Care Centers feel welcoming and inclusive?

2. From a community access perspective, what kind of characteristics will be important for a future Crisis Care Center site or location?

3. The first Crisis Care Center is anticipated to open in late 2026 at the earliest. What ideas do you have for behavioral health services that could go into effect before 2026 that could help address immediate needs in our community?
Questions & Feedback?
We Want to Hear From You!

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Thank you!