

MIDD Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes January 25th, 2024 12:00-1:30pm.

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	☐ Catherine Cornwall	⊠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	☐Leesa Manion	⊠Carla Lee
6-Department of Public Health	☐ Dr. Faisal Khan	⊠Brad Finegood
7-King County Department of Public Defense	☐Anita Khandelwal	
8-King County Superior Court	⊠ Hon. Ketu Shah	
9-King County Department of Community and Human Services	□Leo Flor	
10-King County Council	☐ Teresa Mosqueda	
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	
14-King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	⊠Jasmeet Singh	☐Carolyn Graye
15-Puget Sound Educational Services District	⊠Minu Ranna Stewart	
16-Community Health Council	□Claudia D'Allegri	
17-Harborview Medical Center	□Sunny Lovin	⊠Stacey Devenney
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	□Carlin Yoophum □Alicia Glenwell
23-agency providing mental health and chemical dependency services to youth	⊠Anthony Austin	
24-National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	☐Jeremiah Bainbridge	□Paul Getzel
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	☐ Paul Charbonneau
28-City of Bellevue	□Lynne Robinson	☐ Helena Stephens ☐ Mo Malakoutian
29-provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in King County	□Karen Brady	□ Don Clayton □ Beretta Gomillion
30-King County Hospitals	□Darcy Jaffe	⊠Ryan Robertson
31-philanthropic organization	⊠Jennifer Teunon	
32-organization with expertise in recovery	□Joshua Wallace	□Cody West
33-managed care organizations operating in King County	☐Jessica Molberg	
34-grassroots organization serving a cultural population	□Fartun Mohamed	□Rowaida Mohammed
35-Unincorporated King County	⊠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	

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Attendance: Amanda Stephan, Andi Wright, Andie Parnell, Chelsea Baylen, Elizabeth Winders Ceniceros, Emmy McConnell, Estella Williamson, Gretchen Bruce, Heather Whitten, Isabel Jones, Jeff Sakuma, Jennifer Wyatt, Jessica Jeavons, Jessica Knaster Wasse, Judge Corinna Harn, Kate Tramontana, Lisa Floyd, Marc Seligson, Nikki Nguyen, Pete DeSanto, Rachel Dreon, Ryan Black, Scott Miller, Shaunice Wilson, Tyler Corwin, Ziying Hu

Notes by:

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Issues	Discussion
Welcome	Co-chair Laura Smith welcomed everyone, shared a brief overview of the meeting agenda and introduced Gretchen Bruce, Ziying Hu, Nikki Nguyen and Andi Wright on the MIDD team.
	Gretchen Bruce, MIDD Operations Manager, shared that MIDD Advisory Committee members must submit an annual financial disclosure form as part of serving on a KC Board & Commission. She will send forms after today's meeting, and asked members to return their signed form by February 15 th .
	Brad Finegood, King County Public Health, provided an update on a recently funded initiative: Buprenorphine on-demand tele-prescribing service. Finegood shared that the program went live on January 2 nd and has been well received. Finegood presented a flyer with updated information about the program and encouraged members to share information about the new program.
Review/Approve	Minutes approved by consensus.
Meeting Notes Public Comment	No public comment.
	Co-chair Smith introduced Scott Miller, MIDD Business Finance Officer, to review the MIDD Financial
MIDD Financial Report	Plan as of December 2023. Miller shared the December 2023 Financial Plan has been updated to
Scott Miller,	reflect expenses posted through January 17, 2024; it is marked as preliminary as the fiscal team
MIDD Business	continues to post transactions from 2023. Final 2023 closing numbers should be available at the
Finance Officer,	February 2024 MIDD AC meeting
DCHS	Miller showed an updated financial plan spreadsheet reflecting the budget as developed in
	December 2023 for 2024, noting inflation assumptions for future years have been updated.
	There were no questions regarding the MIDD Financial Report.
Equity Exploration and Analysis	Co-chair Smith shared the reading schedule of <i>Social (In)Justice and Mental Health</i> and noted that co-author Dr. Sarah Vinson M.D. will travel to Seattle in May to join a MIDD AC meeting. Plans for her visit are in development.
Anthony Austin, SE Youth & Family Services and	Co-chair Smith introduced Anthony Austin, Southeast Youth & Family Services, and Minu Ranna-Stewart, Puget Sound Educational Service District to lead today's conversation of on chapters 5 and 6 of the book.
Minu Ranna- Stewart, Puget Sound Educational Service District	Austin provided a recap of Chapter 5, Social Injustice and the Schooling System, and shared examples of adversities that Black students face within schools that have caused failure within Black schools. Ranna-Stewart shared examples of adversities faced by Latinx students within the school system.
Service District	Ranna-Stewart provided a recap of Chapter 6, Social Injustice and Child Welfare, noting that involvement in the child welfare system is too frequently driven by systemic racism instead of understanding and responding to racial trauma. She noted that in 2021 there were 391,000 children in foster care, with 22% being Black and 2% being Indigenous.

Members were asked to discuss the following questions:

- 1. As a white person/student, what was my personal schooling experience when I was growing up? Did I notice, then or now, any differences based on race?
- 2. In what ways might the child welfare system protect, neglect, or harm children?
- 3. How can you apply what you learn today into your work and in MIDD III planning?

Ranna-Stewart urged white colleagues to reflect on question one and share their thoughts, and Co-Chair Smith, Designee Christina Mason and MIDD Staff Gretchen Bruce shared their experiences. They shared a theme that, as white children growing up in communities with little diversity, they rarely reflected on race, racism, or what it might be like to grow up as a non-white person in the United States. Mason noted that her mother, a school social worker, placed magazines for Black audiences (e.g, Jet) in the school library and it was eye opening to realize there were culturally-specific articles and ads for an audience different from her own.

The Advisory Committee discussed the final question: How can you (we) apply what you learn today into your work and in MIDD III planning? Comments include:

- Focus on communities where poverty is most present, and who can't raise up their own funds. Use MIDD funding to build bridges and fill the gaps in these communities.
- Significant funding is given to established providers which continues the cycle of funding large
 institutions. Smaller organizations who have trust in the community may require more time,
 tolerance, and technical assistance before they show results and build capacity to be equally
 competitive. Build in time and commitment to these goals up front.
- We need to be ever mindful of how we conduct our work and how often it is based on assumptions. Specifically, we frame our work to be expedient, based off assumptions, which perpetuates racial trauma. We need to build in time to ask questions, develop relationships and trust with our clients and our patients, and provide a more holistic response.

A Menti poll was presented, and members were asked to respond to the question: How can we apply learnings from these two chapters in our role on the MIDD AC and in MIDD 3 planning? Results of the Menti Poll were sent to all MIDD AC Members afterwards and will continue to inform MIDD development plans going forward.

BHRD Workforce Development Strategy

Rachel Dreon, Behavioral Health Workforce Coordinator, BHRD Co-chair Smith introduced Rachel Dreon, BHRD Work Force Program Manager. Dreon shared her background as a provider and healthcare analyst and presented a plan and goals to help address the workforce crisis in behavioral health services. She noted:

- BHRD has approximately \$8.6 million dollars in 2024 to help grow and support the Behavioral Health workforce. Funding comes from the Crisis Care Center Levy, MIDD, and American Rescue Act Funds (COVID-19).
- Funding will focus on three investment themes to:
 - 1. Build Career Pathways to Community Behavioral Health
 - 2. Support Labor Management Workforce Partnerships
 - 3. Support the existing workforce with training, higher wages and opportunities for career progression.

The Workforce Development team is now fully staffed, and is developing a communication and roll out plan so providers and community members can access training and partner supports. There is likely to be significant activity by the end of the first quarter of 2024.

ACTION: RR-03	Co-chair Smith introduced Gretchen Bruce, MIDD Operations Manager.
Housing Capital	Bruce shared that MIDD is seeking the Advisory Committee's endorsement to allow funding under
and Rental	RR-03 Housing Capital and Rental Initiative to be made available for capital facility improvements in
Initiative	behavioral health facilities. Background to this request:
	Many behavioral health providers have reported an urgent need for capital improvements in
Modification	their facilities.
	• RR-03: Housing Capital and Rental currently supports capital funding for the creation of housing units and rental subsidies for individuals with behavioral health needs.
	RR-03 funds could potentially be used to help behavioral health providers complete capital
	improvements if MIDD Advisory Committee approves that inclusion (the MIDD 2
	Implementation Plan lays out a process that allows for modifications to existing MIDD initiatives
	through a review process by the MIDD Advisory Committee.)z
	The MIDD 2023 Second Omnibus Submission presented at the July 27, 2023 MIDD Advisory
	Committee proposed a one time investment of \$10M to support capital improvements of
	behavioral health facilities in King County; the 2023 Second Omnibus was subsequently
	approved by the King County Council in December 2023
	DCHS is now seeking formal approval from the Advisory Committee to formalize this
	modification to allow capital funding to existing behavioral health facilities in King County who
	already contract with BHRD to serve lower to moderate in income participants.
	A Menti poll was presented and members were asked to respond to the question: Do you support
	modifications to initiative description RR-03 to include capital improvements for facilities? Poll
	results affirmed the MIDD Advisory Committee approved modifying RR:03 to allow for capital
	improvements to existing behavioral health facilities serving predominantly low-income populations and located in King County
	Co-chair Smith invited Isabel Jones to make announcement, and Jones shared that Evergreen
	Treatment Services (one of only a few methadone providers in King County) had a catastrophic
	flooding event at their SODO facility over Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., weekend which completely shut
	down ETS' SODO building. King County BHRD is working closely with ETS on a transition plan and
	next steps to ensure people have access to methadone, and has made the decision to provide ETS
	with \$2M from the MIDD opioid funds, aligned with the strategic intent of the fund source.
Updates	Co-chair Smith noted that she is leaving her position as Executive Director of Empower Youth
	Network, and with that her position of Co-chair for MIDD is open. Individuals who may be interested
	in serving as Co-chair are encouraged to email Robin Pfohman.
Agenda Items	Chapter 8 and 10 of the book Social (In)Justice and Mental Health is scheduled for discussion at the
for Next	February 22 nd Advisory Committee Meeting:
Meeting	Chapter 8: Social Injustice and the Carceral System
	Chapter 10: Social Injustice and Substance Use Disorders
Adjourned	1:34pm
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