MIDD Update

MIDD AC

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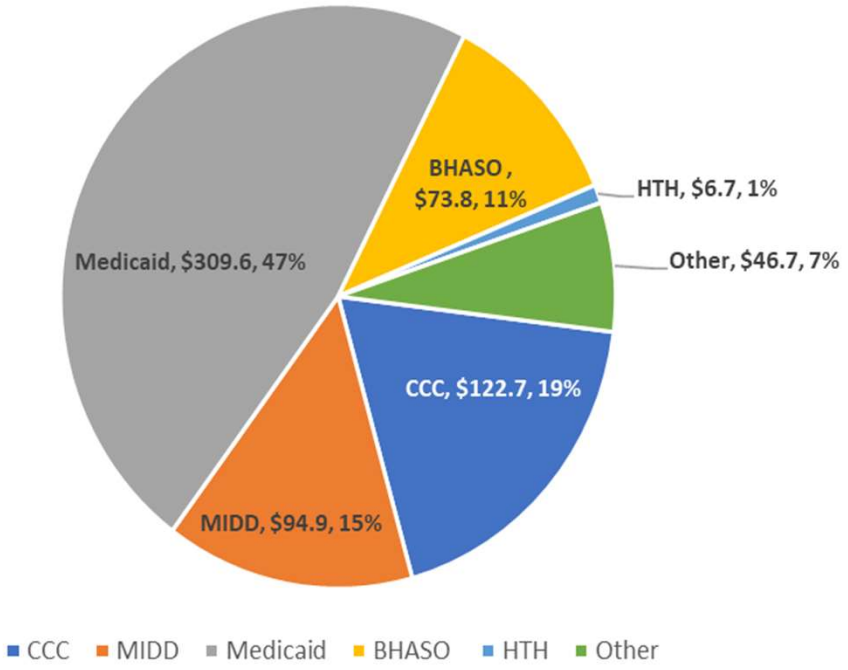
The MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax makes behavioral health treatment more available, accessible, and effective for King County residents

- Countywide 0.1% sales tax
- MIDD started in 2008, MIDD 2 in 2017
- **Infuses ~$97 million/yr** into King County community behavioral health
- MIDD generates 15% of King County Behavioral Health revenue
- Complements insufficient federal and state investments
- Authorized by RCW 82.14.460



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MIDD Advisory Committee (as described in ordinance)

- Advises the County Executive and Council, ensuring transparent, accountable, collaborative, and effective implementation and evaluation of strategies and programs funded by the MIDD sales tax revenue.
- 37 seats representing a broad cross-section: judiciary, law enforcement, public health, behavioral health, community organizations, cities, hospitals, managed care, advocacy groups, labor, philanthropy, and grassroots/culturally specific providers.

The role of the AC is to:

- Provide recommendations on the effective implementation
- Review and report to the executive and council on annual evaluation reports
- Review and comment on emerging and evolving priorities for the use of sales tax revenue
- Serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved with sales tax programs

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MIDD Renewal Update

- Proposed Ordinance to extend the Behavioral Health Sales Tax, also known as the MIDD, was transmitted to Council by the Executive on July 10, 2025.
    - Was dually referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee (BFM) and Regional Policy Council (RPC) as a nonmandatory referral.
- Council unanimously voted to renew the MIDD for an additional 9 years through 2034 on 9/23/25.
- We anticipate that the Executive will send a new implementation plan to Council in 2026, BHRD will procure programs within the new implementation plan in 2027, and all programs will launch in 2028. *These dates are subject to change.*

Looking forward: What are the opportunities?

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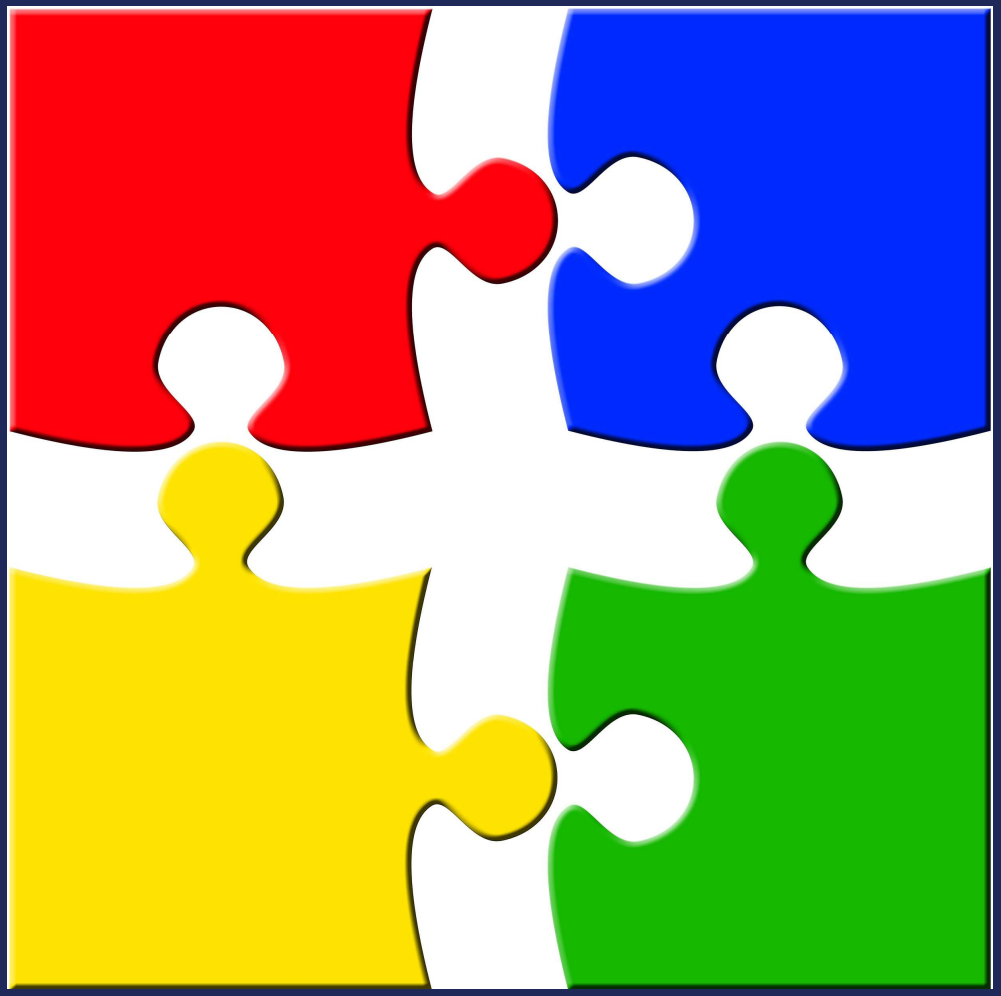
We have the opportunity to:

- Sustain and build upon 18 years of vital County support for community behavioral health programming and services
- Align investments with new and emerging needs, and complement other current and new behavioral health investments (i.e., Medicaid, CCCL)
- Consider role of MIDD in mitigating potential Federal reductions to Medicaid
- Integrate equity more fully into design and implementation
- Meaningfully invest in current behavioral health priorities
- Increase system level investments for longer term impact
- Incorporate competitive procurement of contracts
- Expand evaluation and assessment capability and activities

MIDD AC is important in the process!



2025 Goal: Provide MIDD AC with information to inform implementation planning

Over the next several months, we will review the MIDD 2:

- Breadth and reach of programs and strategies (*Sept Mtg*)
- Policy goals and strategy area framework
- Allocation, expenditures, and procurements

Transitions from MIDD 1 to MIDD 2

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MIDD Service and Strategy Areas

MIDD 1 (2008-2016): 5 “Service Areas”, 16 “Strategies, up to 35 “Sub-Strategies“

Service Areas included:

- Community-based Care
- Programs Targeted to Help Youth
- Jail and Hospital Diversion
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Adult Drug Court
- Housing Development

MIDD 2 (2017-2025): 5 “Strategy Areas” and up to 55 “Initiatives“

Strategy Areas include:

- Prevention & Intervention
- Crisis Diversion
- Recovery & Reentry
- System Improvements
- Therapeutic Courts

MIDD 3 – To Be Determined

Other Transitions from MIDD 1 to MIDD 2 (2016-17)

Updates implemented during MIDD renewal included:

- 4 New Seats Added to Advisory Committee for a total of 37 seats
- Name updated from Oversight Committee to Advisory Committee
- Amended Policy Goals

Breadth of MIDD 2: Size of Initiatives

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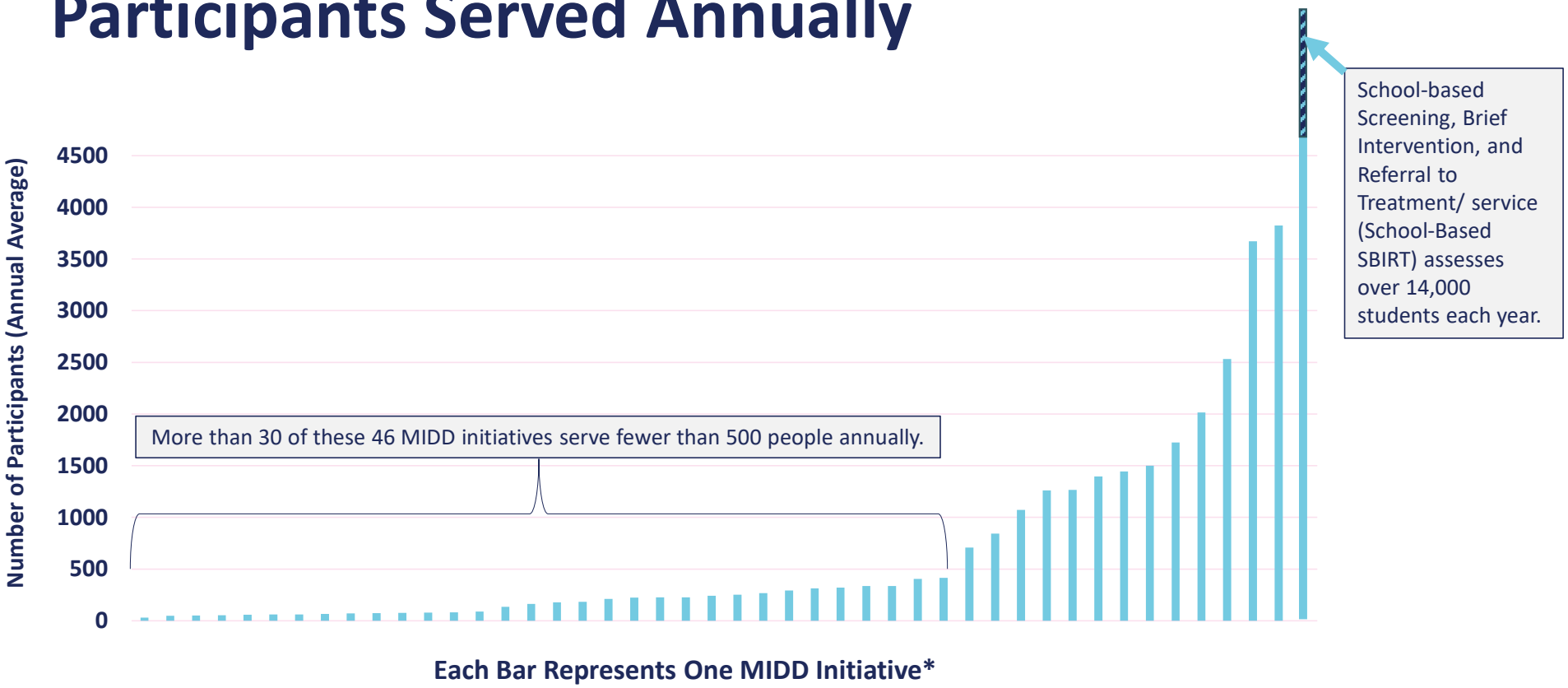
MIDD Initiatives by Number of Participants Served Annually



*Among 46 MIDD Initiatives with consistent program models and implementation over the past three biennia. Excludes Systems Improvement initiatives, capital investments, special projects, sunset pilot programs, etc.

Breadth of MIDD 2: Spending on Initiatives

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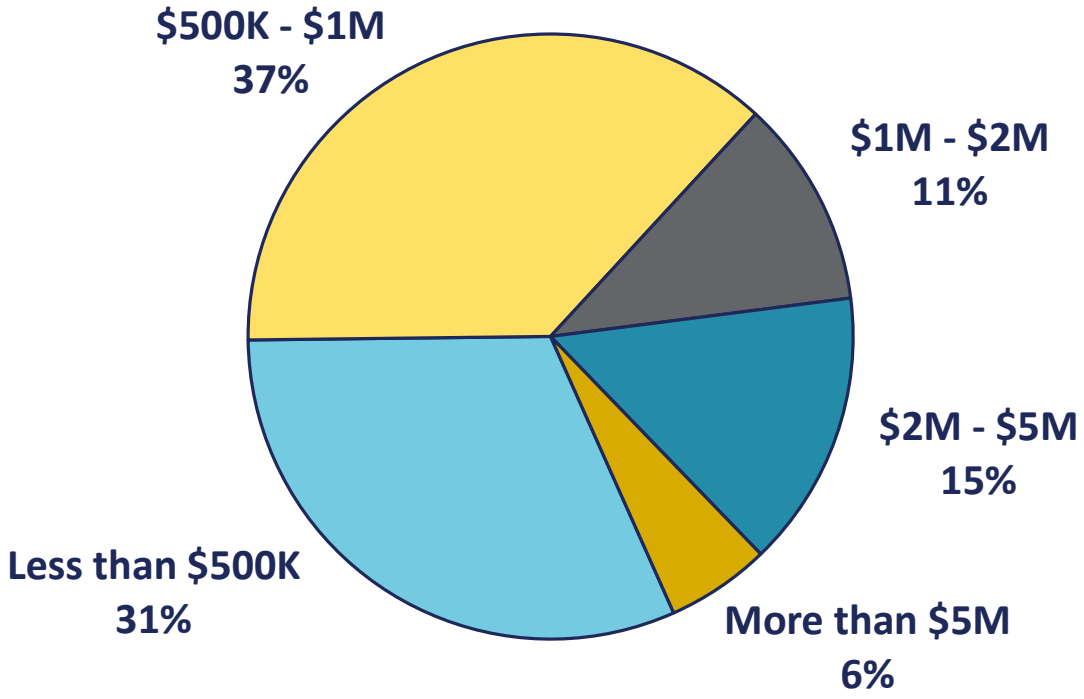
MIDD Initiatives by Average Expenditures per Year



*Among 54 MIDD Initiatives with consistent program models and implementation during most recent biennium (2023-24). Excludes special projects, sunset pilot programs, one-time investments, etc.

Breadth of MIDD 2: Cost per Participant

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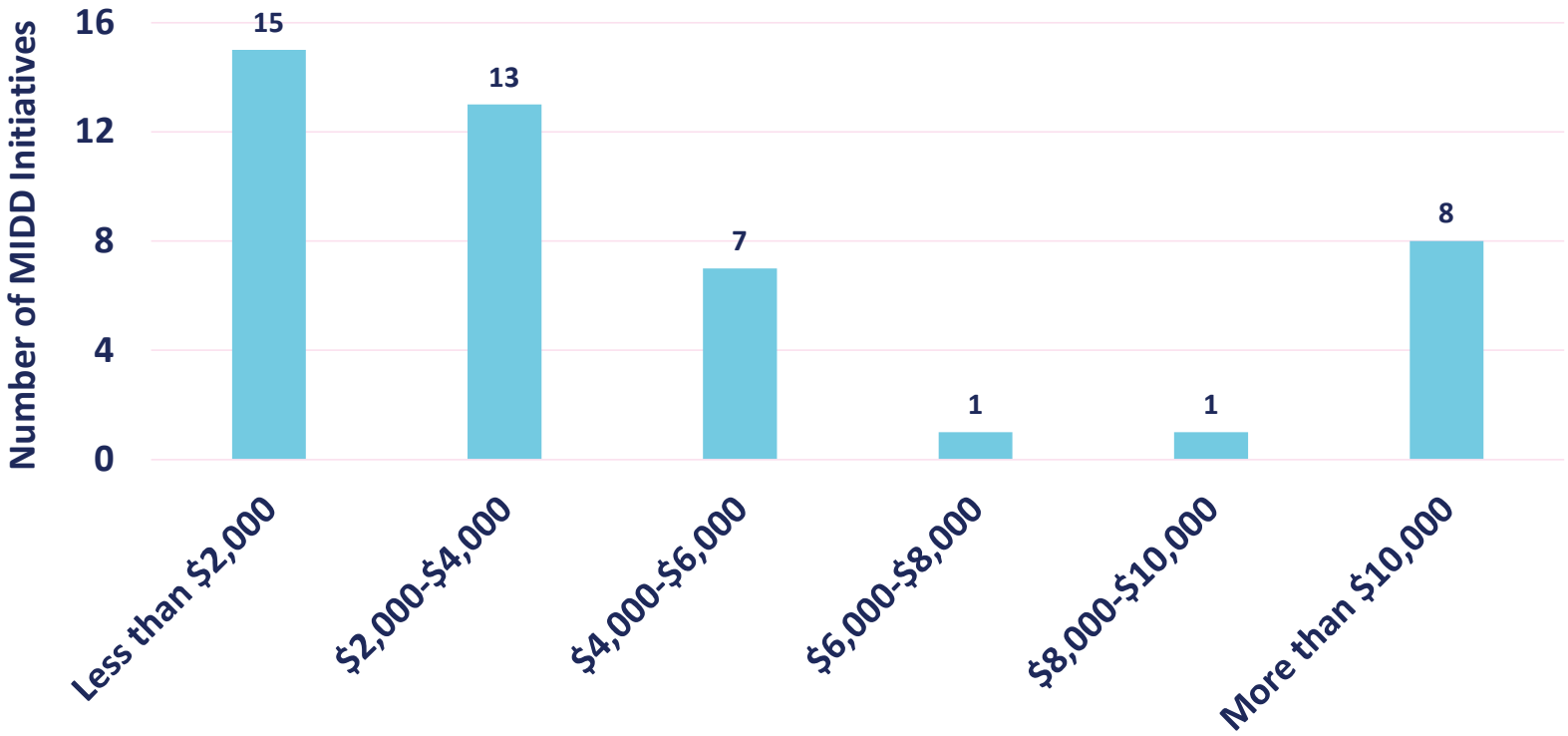
MIDD Initiatives by Annual Cost per Participant Served



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Excludes Systems Improvement initiatives, capital investments, special projects and pilot programs that have ended, etc.

Questions/Reflections

- What observations you have about the information shared?
- Was the information shared today helpful?
- What additional information would be useful?
- What does further engagement in the implementation planning process looks like?

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Thank you!

Have questions?

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