King County
MIDD
Supporting behavioral health and recovery

MIDD Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes
July 23, 2026 12:00-1:30pm.
Member/Non-members access meeting via Zoom

Attendance:

Members/ Designees

Seats	Members	Designees
1-King County District Court	☐Rebecca Robertson	☐Corinna Harn
2-King County Department of Judicial Administration	☒Catherine Cornwall	☐Christina Mason
3-King County Regional Homelessness Authority	Vacant	Vacant
4-King County Uniting for Youth	☒Paul Daniels	☒Robert Gant
5-King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office	☐Leesa Manion	☐J Zhao ☒Christina Miyamasu
6-Department of Public Health	Vacant	☐Brad Finegood
7-King County Department of Public Defense	☐Kate Benward	Vacant
8-King County Superior Court	☐Ketu Shah	☐Michael Scott
9-King County Department of Community and Human Services	☐Susan McLauglin	Vacant
10-King County Council	☐Rhonda Lewis	Vacant
11-King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	☒Steve Larsen (Co-Chair)	Vacant
12-King County Office of the Executive	☐Liz Arjun	Vacant
13-King County Sheriff's Office	☐Patricia Cole-Tindall	☐Geoffrey Thomas ☐Cheol Kang
14-King County Behavioral Health Advisory Board	☐Jasmeet Singh	Vacant
15-Puget Sound Educational Services District	☒Jaime Fajardo (Nominee)	Vacant
16-Community Health Council	☐Claudia D'Allegri	☒Ricardo J. Del Fierro
17-Harborview Medical Center	☐Stacey Devenney	☐Sunny Lovin
18-Bona fide labor organization	☐X. Tran-Thien (Nominee)	
19-City of Seattle	☒ Emily Johnson (nominee)	Vacant
20-Provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County	☒Someireh Amirfaiz	☐Jawad Ramyar
21-Provider of sexual assault victim services in King County	☒Minu Ranna-Stewert (nominee)	☐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	Vacant
24-National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	☐Marc Oommen (Nominee)	Vacant
25-Provider of culturally specific chemical dependency services in KC	☐Mario Paredes	Vacant
26-Organization with expertise in helping individuals with behavioral health needs in King County get jobs and live independent lives	☒Kailey Fiedler-Gohlke	☐Michael Brown
27-Representative from the Sound Cities Association	☐Paul Charbonneau	☒ Jane Ho
28-City of Bellevue	☒Claire Sumadiwirya (Nominee)	☐
29-Provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in KC	☒Don Clayton	Vacant
30-King County Hospitals	☐Darcy Jaffe	Vacant
31-Philanthropic organization	Vacant	Vacant
32-Organization with expertise in recovery	☒Joshua Wallace	☐Cody West
33-Managed care organizations operating in King County	☐vacant	Vacant
34-Grassroots organization serving a cultural population	☒Fartun Mohamed	☐Maryan Mohamed
35-Unincorporated King County	☒Jeni Johnson	☐Heidi Jackson
36-An individual representing behavioral health consumer interests from the MIDD advisory committee's consumers and communities ad hoc work group	Vacant	Vacant
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Attendance:	Amanda Smith, Ankita Henry, Carol Jernigan, Deborah Stake, Gretchen Bruce, Laura Belmont, Laura Smith, Lisa Floyd, Madeline Fraix, Natalie Chacon, Peter De Santo, Rami El Gharib, Yan Gao, Yolin El- Maadawy, Zying Hu, Daphine Pie, Christena Coutsoubos, Lacey Jane Wolfe, Scott Miller, Kate Tramontana, Kristina Sawycky
Presenters:	Laura Smith, Steve Larsen, Christena Coutsoubos, Daphine Pie, Amanda Stephen, Jenny Johnson `
Notes by:	Fana Wold

Issues	Discussion
Welcome and Call to Order	Steve Larsen welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order.
Meeting Notes	The June 2026 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.
Public Comment	No Public Comment.
Equity Focus	Jenny Johnson, Director of the Vashon Youth and Family Services, presented on how MIDD funding has supported the organization's approach to embedding equity in the organization. Highlights include: • The organizations equity journey included adopting a formal equity and inclusion policy in 2021, recognizing the need to address systematic racism within the organization and its work and decision making across the agency. • Equity principles are integrated into hiring practices, with all hiring decisions reviewed through an equity lens. Although Vashon youth and family services is 90% white, the organization has increased its diversity to approximately 36% BIPOC. • Priorities in the 2025-2028 strategic plan include reducing barriers to access, increasing equitable participation. And sharing decision-making across leadership and frontline staff. • VYFS uses an equity Lense to guide funding decisions by prioritizing partnership and grant opportunities that align with the organizations equity values. • Shared examples of data informed funding, including research from the Vashon Island school district identifying disparities affecting LGBTQ+ students and Latino youth, which helped inform funding priorities. • 2026-2027 funding priorities focused on isolation, mental health and suicide prevention with emphasis on supporting BIPOC, LGBTQ+, immigrants, and low income residents. • The organization's equity philosophy also shapes the programs funds directly, that include community support initiatives for immigrants impacted by recent immigration policy changes and Free drop in childcare to reduce barriers to families.
MIDD Financial Plan	Amanda Stephen, Business and Finance Officer, BHRD, provided the monthly overview of the MIDD Financial Plan with current expenditures and revenues. Revenue and expenditure figures reflect figures through June 30, 2026. An additional $5M appropriation was included in the first omnibus for MOUD in 2027, thus projected expenditure increased by $5M.
MIDD Annual Report	Christena Coutsoubos, Policy and Legislative Manager, BHRD, and Daphine Pie, Regional Health Services Administrator for Public Health-Seattle and King County, provided an update on eligibility and documentation changes to Medicaid under HR1, driven by the "One Big Beautiful Bill", which will significantly impact our local behavioral health landscape: Coutsoubos shared core eligibility and redetermination requirements, expected impact on Washington state residents, and the State's response. • Refugees, asylees and other noncitizens will lose coverage starting 10/1/2026. • Administrators began identifying those likely to be affected to spur outreach in July. • Termination notices will be sent in mid-august. • Starting 1/01/27, states must conduct redetermination for all individuals covered by Medicaid expansion every 6 months (shortened from 12 months). • Starting 1/01/27 there will be work requirements to keep apple health for adults.

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	• There is a shared mitigation response with the state with multiple opportunities such as planning, individual, institutional and state levels. Pie shared information on Public Health's efforts to reach and support individuals to navigate this complexity. Details can be found at kingcounty.gov/coverage/HR1 • PH-SKC created a detailed road map for outreach and connecting people to insurance and care, and with an extensive media and outreach campaign. • DSHS will initiate the Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) eligibility process for clients reporting a qualifying emergency medical condition. • There are specific efforts to reach and help non-citizens maintain health coverage. • There are specific efforts to partner with agencies to prepare for upcoming changes and loss of coverage. • Individuals, Agencies, Communities can contact PH-SKC for technical assistance. Contact information can be found at kingcounty.gov/coverage/HR1 Pie and Coutsoubos acknowledged additional questions are expected as implementation progresses, and attendees were encouraged to reach out if further questions that arise.
MIDD Implementation Planning	Laura Smith, MIDD Renewal Manager, BHRD, presented on the MIDD 3 Implementation Plan • The County Executive transmitted the Implementation Plan to King County Council on July 1, 2026. • The transmittal included a proposed new name for the sales tax: The Behavioral Health Bridge, to reflect a strengths-based approach to behavioral health services • The Implementation Plan includes: 1. Background 2. Process to develop the Behavioral Health Bridge 3. Equity Framework 4. Description of investments across 5 strategy areas, including goals and anticipated activities. 5. Measurement and Evaluation 6. Reporting 7. Financial Plan and Policies 8. Inflation Rate adjustment policy analysis • The five goal areas remain: care transitions and diversion; SUD treatment and recovery; equitable access; children youth and young adults; and workforce goals. • The Behavioral Health Bridge will streamline investments to align with funding source and separate braided funding. • The plan includes a phased procurement approach, and the goal is to announce the first procurements for equitable access, and SUD treatment and recovery services, in Q2 2027.
Adjourned	At 1:17 PM
Next Meeting	Next Advisory Committee Meetings: August 27, 2026 | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (may be cancelled) September 24, 2026 | 12:00 pm – 1:30 PM

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