Behavioral Health Bridge

Implementation Plan Update and Bylaws Discussion

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Anticipated Council timeline (subject to change)

Action	Committee/ Council	Date	Amendment Deadline
Submitted to Clerk		July 1	
Introduction and referral	Full Council	July 7	
Discussion Only	Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee (special meeting)	July 23	
Briefing *(legislation is on HHHS control)*	Regional Policy Committee (special mtg)	Aug 26	
Discussion Only	HHHS	Sept 1	
Discussion and Possible Action	HHHS	Oct 6	Striker direction due: 9/22 Striker distribution: 9/29 Line amendment direction due 10/2
Discussion Only	RPC	Oct 14	
Discussion and Possible Action	RPC (special)	Nov 2-6	Amendment deadlines TBD
Potential Final Action	Full Council	Nov 17	Line amendment direction due 11/13
***If* legislation is amended after RPC, then re-referral to RPC would be necessary:**			
Action	RPC (special)	11/30-12/4	Amendment deadlines TBD
Final Action	Full Council	**12/8**	

BH Bridge Strategy Areas

1. Care Transitions & Diversion Services
2. Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery
3. Equitable Access to Behavioral Health Care
4. Child, Youth, and Young Adult Mental Wellbeing
5. Behavioral Health Workforce Development

Estimated timeline for phased procurements and non-funded program ramp-down

Strategy area	Procurements announced	Applications due & Selection process	Successful applicants announced	Ramp down for MIDD 2 programs no longer receiving funding	Anticipated launch of programs (reprocured or with new base budget)
SUD Treatment and Recovery (SUD)	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	End of Q4 2027	Q 1 & 2 of 2028	Q3 of 2028
Equitable Access to Behavioral Health Care (EA)	Q2 2027	Q3 2027	End of Q4 2027	Q 1 & 2 of 2028	Q3 of 2028
Care Transitions and Diversion Services (CTD)	Q4 2027	End of Q1 2028	End of Q2 2028	Q 3 & 4 of 2028	Q1 of 2029
Behavioral Health Workforce Development (WF)	Q4 2027	End of Q1 2028	End of Q2 2028	Q 3 & 4 of 2028	Q1 of 2029
Child, Youth, and Young Adult Mental Wellbeing (CYYA)	Q2 2028	End of Q3 2028	End of Q4 2028	Q 1 & 2 of 2029	Q3 of 2029

Anticipated steps to procurement

Analyze current financial projections, BH landscape, performance data, and potential funding sources for programs.

Executive office: conduct base budget analysis of programs directly operated by County agencies.

Balance County-held data with the needs and priorities expressed by community members and providers. Align anticipated procurements with other County funding streams.

Determine specific activities to be procured in order to achieve goals identified in the IP. Use Logic Models from the IP as a basis for outcome measures.

Then:

- Launch competitive procurement with community outreach, information sessions, and technical assistance.
- Recruit and train panelists, conduct equitable application scoring, and select awardees.

= Council notification with 30-day response period before launching procurements

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Updating the Bylaws

(formerly called Operating Rules)

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Revised and Updated Operating Rules

- MIDD AC Operating Rules last updated in 2011.
- In 2017 Ordinance 18452 expanded MIDD AC from 30 to 37 and changed language from Oversight Committee to Advisory Committee; however, the MIDD Operating Rules were not updated to reflect these changes.
- Bridge AC Bylaws drafted using the Behavioral Health Advisory Board's document as a guide.
- Review & discuss in September for potential approval in October.

Key Clarifications & Shifts

1. Broader, More Structured Membership

- Expansion from 30 seats to 37 with explicitly defined roles and diversity requirements. **Note: This expansion was part of MIDD 2 renewal.**
- More formal recruitment, confirmation, onboarding, and training expectations.

2. Clearer Rules on Designees & Voting

- New bylaws: designees may vote only if the member is absent; simplified and standardized.
- 2011 rules: complex distinctions—county officials could vote through designees; others could not (except written votes).

3. Modernized Meeting Operations

- Shift from fixed monthly meetings at one location to flexible virtual/in-person formats across the county with advance posting timelines.
- Added expectations for virtual professionalism (camera use, attentiveness).

Key Clarifications & Shifts (Continued)

4. Strengthened Accountability & Training

- New bylaws specify multiple required trainings (OPMA, PRA, ethics) and clearer grounds for removal.
- 2011 rules only referenced general adherence to County ethics code.

5. Enhanced Public Access & Transparency

- More explicit rules on public comment, written testimony, early posting of materials, and regional meeting access.
- 2011 rules allowed public attendance and recording but had fewer procedural requirements.

Other Announcements

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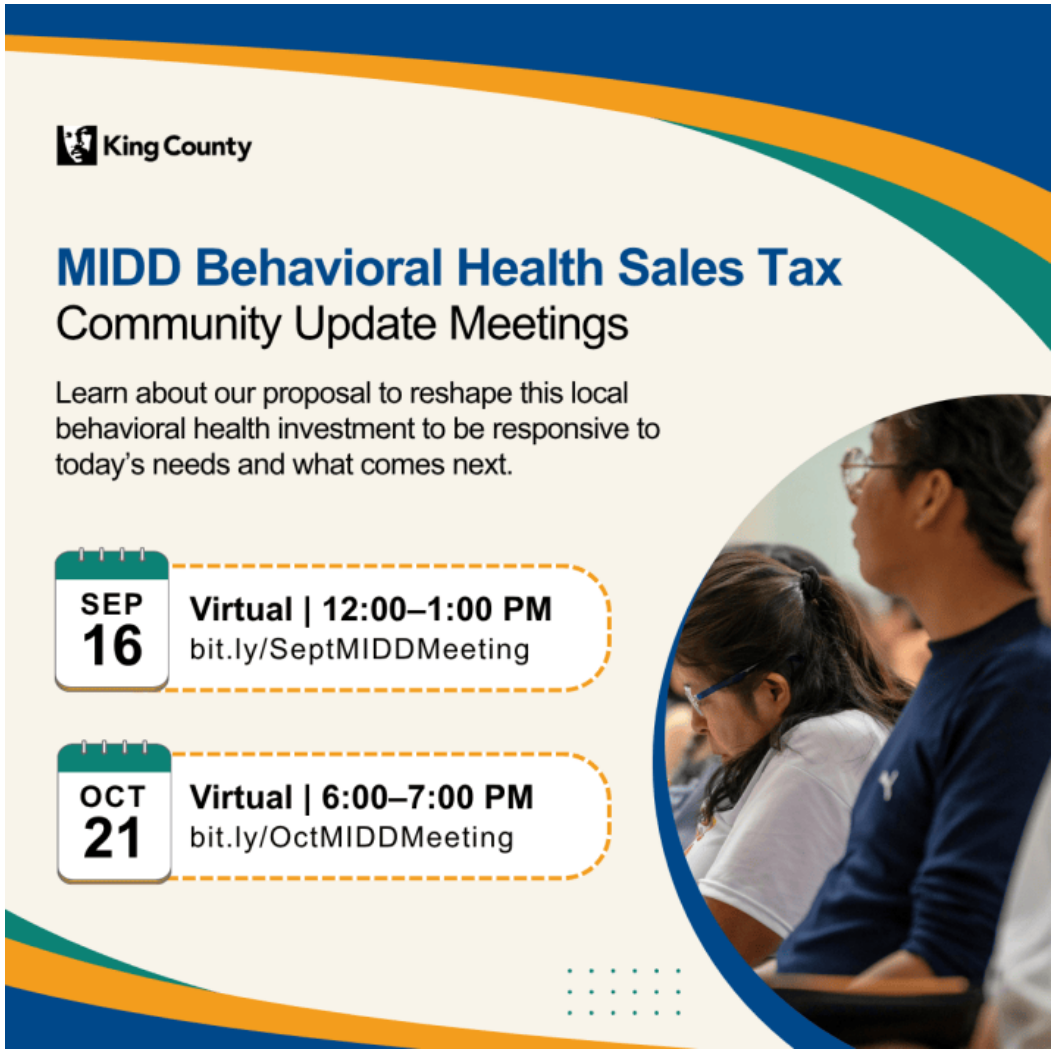
Community Update Meetings

All are welcome! Join us and share the invite with your friends and colleagues.



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NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

RECOVERY. HOPE. HEALING.

Seattle Mariners Recovery Day

Sept. 27th- 12:10 PM

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Seeking Co-chairs in 2027

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