

## MIDD Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Notes February 24, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Members access meeting via Zoom Non-members access meeting via <u>PublicInput</u>

Attendance: Members/ Designees

Seats	Members	Designees
1-King County District Court	☐Susan Mahoney	
2-King County Department of Judicial Administration	⊠ Barbara Miner	⊠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	☐ Dan Satterberg	□Carla Lee  ⊠Leesa Manion
6-Department of Public Health	☐ Dennis Worsham	☐Brad Finegood
7-King County Department of Public Defense	☐Anita Khandelwal	☐ Katie Hurley  ☐ Tara Urs
8-King County Superior Court	⊠ Hon. Ketu Shah	
9-King County Department of Community and Human Services	□Leo Flor	□Kelli Nomura
10-King County Council	⊠ Sarah Perry	☑ Osman Salahuddin
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	Vacant	
15-Puget Sound Educational Services District	nomination in process ☐ (Minu Ranna Stewart)	
16-Community Health Council	⊠Claudia D'Allegri	
17-Harborview Medical Center	⊠Sunny Lovin	
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)	nomination in process  ⊠ (Jeremiah Bainbridge)	☐(Katie Mahoney)
25-provider of culturally specific chemical dependency services in King County		
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	⊠Chris Stearns
28-City of Bellevue	☐ Lynne Robinson	⊠Helena Stephens
29-provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in King County	□Karen Brady	□Don Clayton
30-King County Hospitals	⊠ Darcy Jaffe	☐Brooke Evans
31-philanthropic organization	Vacant	

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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	
28 Filled Seats; Quorum = 15 2 Nominations in process 7 Vacant Seats	13 members 1 impending member	7 designees (5 standing in for member)

Others

Attendance: King County staff: Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman, Robin Pfohman, Chelsea Walch, Michael Reading, Scott Miller, Susan Schoeld, Nikki Nguyen, Brandi DeFazio, Hon. John McHale, Rebecca Roy, Ryan Black

> Initiative Briefing Presenters: Capt. Alycia McKinney, Michael Reading, Natasha Grossman, Susan Schoeld, Amanda Flatley

Other: Kelsey Turner, Ryan Robertson, Sue Rash (CCORS)

NOTE: Non-members joined via PublicInput.

Notes by:

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Issues	Discussion	Action Items:
Welcome	Robin Pfohman began the meeting as both Co-Chairs were initially absent. Pfohman started by welcoming newest member, Councilmember Sarah Perry, who is replacing Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles representing the King County City Council. Pfohman welcomed the attendees, reminded everyone that PublicInput is being used again for the meeting and Rebecca Roy will be managing and advising if there is public comment.	
Announcements	Robin Pfohman announced that member Mario Paredes had to decline the nomination for the MIDD co-chair role that Claudia D'Allegri is vacating. Laura Smith has agreed to take over as co-chair effective April.	
	Pfohman announced that the MIDD Steering Committee has expressed interest in learning about the historical role that the behavioral health system has played in advancing oppression and racism in this country. The Center of Excellence proposed two 90-minute training sessions, based on a request from Pfohman. Initially, the Steering Committee requested it be four 45-minutes sessions with the idea of building it into our usual schedule so that as many members can participate in the training as possible. Since the May/June meetings were combined into one meeting on June 9 to	

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MIDD Financial Report	Scott Miller, King County Department of Human Community Services (DCHS) Business and Finance Officer IV, provided an update on the financial plan. The financial status of the MIDD Fund has not changed since the last report. There are no new revenue forecasts and the estimates of biannual spending remain stable. Additional revenue is expected to post, but not additional expenses. An updated revenue forecasts is expected in March.	
	Laura Van Tosh requested public comment. Regarding the lived experience phenomenon sweeping the world, Van Tosh asked when will King County's MIDD and other entities get on that bandwagon. Van Tosh also shared that she has been invited to serve as Executive Committee Representative for the U.S. by the Global Mental Health Care Network ( <a href="www.gmhcn.org">www.gmhcn.org</a> ), their tagline being "Unapologetically experts by experience". Van Tosh commented that King County has many paths to go so please tap King County peers with lived experience in every aspect of policy, service delivery, and evaluation.	
Public Comment	Co-Chair Judge Shah invited anyone who called into the meeting wanting public comment to unmute themselves. Rebecca Roy advised that they are facilitating public comment through Public Input and there is one person in the queue.	
	Due to a mix-up, Laura Smith asked for more time to prepare and share an equity focus with the group.	
	Barbara Miner, Director of the King County Department of Judicial Administration, shared an equity experience that related to unlawful detainer cases, otherwise known as landlord-tenant acts. Smith shared data reflecting the monthly number of landlord-tenant actions with eviction-type scenarios. Smith shared how eye-opening it is to see the data and how policy-based decisions that address issues like homelessness and juvenile offenses are showing themselves in the King County court system.	
<b>Equity Focus</b>	Co-Chair Judge Shah introduced the Equity Focus, an opportunity for members to share a recent experience where equity was in the forefront, either in their organization or in the community.	
Review/Approve Meeting Notes	Co-Chair Judge Ketu Shah gave everyone a moment to review the draft January meeting notes. The meeting notes were approved by consensus.	
	review the Annual Report, the fourth Thursday of May and June are likely open on member's calendars. Pfohman asked if people were amenable to holding the training during the May 26 <sup>th</sup> and June 23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting time. Pfohman mentioned that they will likely begin conversations within the Steering Committee on how they can make this open to non-members of the Advisory Committee that are interested in this information. There were no concerns voiced, so Pfohman indicated invites would be sent out.	

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Miller stated that the updated revenue forecast will be ready to share at the next meeting in April. He also let members know to expect a change in the financial plan presentation next month. BHRD is aligning the financial plan presented to the MIDD AC to mirror what is presented to the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (PSB) and other County consumers of the financial information. The expenses will no longer be reflected as negative on the Financial Plan. This won't change the formulas or outcomes in any way, it will just look a little different.

Miller introduced Ryan Black, the new finance manager for the Behavioral Health and Recovery Division overseeing the Behavioral Health fund and MIDD fund.

Co-Chair Judge Shah reminded everyone that the revenues come from sales tax that is authorized by statute, and King County adopted that several years prior. Periodic revenue projections on sales tax are given every quarter. Co-Chair Judge Shah asked if the revenue forecasts coming in March are based on King County's own projections or state projections that come to King County that were then incorporated. Miller answered that the release date varies, but it's always released in Mach, July, and August. It is provided by the King County Office of Economic and Financial Analysis (OEFA) and once provided by that office, it's made public on the County website. Miller confirmed this is the public data that the MIDD AC uses for its revenue projections.

## Briefing: King County Crisis Services and 988 Behavioral Health Call Line

Michael Reading, Chief of Crisis Systems and Services at DCHS, started the briefing on the King County Crisis Services and 988 Behavioral Health Call Line. Reading talked about the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO), a system in place for roughly the last 3 years and new structure within the Health Care Authority (HCA) in terms of how they deliver Medicaid and Non-Medicaid crisis services. Reading introduced his co-presenters, Susan Schoeld, Crisis Triage Administrator, and Amanda Flatley, BHASO Project Manager, with King County.

Amanda Flatley talked about what the BH-ASO is and how it is structured, including roles and responsibilities. The BH-ASO structure is part of the WSA's Fully Integrated Managed Care (FIMC) model, and most services for Medicaid clients are provided by the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). Some crisis services such as the Crisis Call Line are available to ALL individuals, regardless of insurance or other barriers. The County's Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD) manages the BH-ASO contract and services. Flatley gave an overview of the BH-ASO funding structure, emphasizing key benefits of the BH-ASO model including the ability to bring multiple funding sources and manage a wide array of services.

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Susan Schoeld provided information about the crisis services at the BH-ASO, including the services that they are required to provide as part of the HCA contract. They are required to have a 24/7 crisis line (the Crisis Connections line), Mobile Crisis Outreach, Designated Crisis Responders, Secure Withdrawal/Stabilization, and Involuntary Treatment. King County has worked to make their system more robust and address the varying needs and multiple diversionary options that are available across the Crisis Continuum.

Reading continued by giving an overview of the 998 Call Line legislation, including the House Bill 1477 that calls for many of the topics covered in this presentation: the need for the Crisis Response Implementation Strategy (CRIS) Committee, a governor-appointed committee to talk about how at a state level they are going to implement 998 in most of Washington State. Reading touched upon the CRIS Steering Committee comprised of people across the state, of which he was nominated to be a member, as well as the many different identified subcommittees.

Reading shared that there are 3 Crisis Call Hubs in Washington State: Crisis Connections (Seattle), Volunteers of America (Everett), and Frontier (Spokane).

Reading gave an overview of the different way the 998 Call Line is being implemented, including mobile rapid response crisis teams with units for youth, adults, and the geriatric.

Chris Stearns asked if the Tribal 998 line only handles reservation-based cases or also includes tribal members who are off-reservation and urban Indians. Reading responded in the affirmative, adding that technology will be helpful in creating a way for active tribal members to call in and talk to people that have the tribal member experience so there is more of a connection, but the technology will be robust enough that both tribal members off-reservation or people on tribal land will be able to call the Tribal 998 line.

Councilmember Sarah Perry asked if there are conversations about landing zones or different paths that the County is going down right now, to create places for people to rest for periods of time while they figure out their recovery. Reading responded that while there are not a lot right now in King County, they have clear plans for those to be stepped up. There is a Department of Commerce grant for two crisis stabilizations to be stood up in King County – one for Seattle and one for South King County. It just takes time because they need providers to step up these facilities and that is now coming to fruition with these stabilization units.

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## Briefing: Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT)

Capt. Alycia McKinney of the Bellevue Police Department began the presentation on the Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT) with some background on the program. The dramatic increase in the number of individuals experiencing mental and behavioral health crises led to this partnership between Bellevue Fire Cares mental health professionals (MHPs) and the Bellevue Police Department.

CCAT provides a coordinated community response to assist individuals in crisis. It combines law enforcement with local social services, medical organizations, and the mental health system to offer individuals a higher level of service. Capt. McKinney provided an overview of the CCAT pilot development that includes 3 models for evaluation: 1 Officer & 1 CARES MHP; 2 Officers; and 2 CARES MHPs (CARES 101). These models combine law enforcement (out of normal uniform) with local social services, medical organizations, and the mental health system to offer people a higher level of service free from fear or intimidation. Goals include improving community and police response to mental illness by diverting individuals from the Criminal Justice System and addressing underlying issues to improve the quality of life for people and reduce recidivism.

Natalie Grossman, Bellevue Fire CARES program manager, shared results of this CCAP Pilot, which included the period from May 1- August 31. During that time, they had 1785 total client contacts, with an average of 7 ½ interactions. 239 individuals have been engaged by CCAT officers and the MHPs, all of which were offered case management and 108 chose to engage in that. Grossman gave an overview of the types of clients CCAT sees including mental/behavioral health, unhoused, and substance use. Grossman provided data-based results of CCAT's work and the impact that work has had on the community and the individuals supported by it.

Chris Stearns asked if there was an equity component to their analysis on the impact on communities of color. Grossman responded that they have not yet taken it to that level.

Councilmember Sarah Perry, following up on Stearns' question, asked if there was intention given by Bellevue Police Dept. to focus on equity, access, and making sure that they're paying attention to the needs of those that are most marginalized in their next steps. Capt. McKinney said they are always trying to look at equity, especially with their population.

Jeremiah Bainbridge asked what resources are the hardest to find for the Bellevue population for people with mental illness and if there are specific services that are lacking in King County. Capt. McKinney explained that they don't have a lot of landing zones, even though they are breaking ground on a new place like the homeless shelter in Eastgate, and it's not enough for

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	the surrounding communities. They are really looking to add more landing zones for individuals to do things like take showers or just warm up, and that's what is lacking at this point. Grossman added that they have a Crisis Diversion Center in Seattle that has 16 beds for the whole County. That location is busy and often full, which is not deal but they just don't have enough anymore.  Co-Chair Judge Shah noted that the pilot ended August 31, 2021, asking what has been happening since to move forward with CCAT and if there is still going to be a request for funding to keep that program going. Capt. McKinney shared that it was important to have the permanent resources to run the CCAT program properly, which is why they ran the Pilot program for limited hours/days. But they would like to implement 24-hour coverage and have presented this to the City Manager of Bellevue, and it has now gone to Council. Capt. McKinney shared that they have completed the report and are waiting for the OK to release it, which should be in the next couple weeks. They will be looking for community feedback from that once released, but it's in process with a funding component coming later.	
Agenda Items for March Meeting	Email Robin Pfohman with any desired agenda items for the March 2022 meeting.	
Adjourned	1:30 PM	
Next meeting	Thursday, March 24, 2022, 12:00-1:30 p.m.  Members and Designees access via Zoom  Non-members access via <u>PublicInput (link on MIDD website)</u>	

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