

November 5, 2015

The Honorable Larry Phillips
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Phillips,

Please find the attached Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) progress report on MIDD review and renewal planning work called for by Ordinance 17998.

Ordinance 17998 calls for two major work products to be submitted to the Council:

1. Comprehensive, Historical Review and Assessment of MIDD: Due June 30, 2016

This work includes an extensive examination and assessment of MIDD I strategies, programs, and services. It also calls for recommendations on improvements to MIDD performance measures, evaluation data gathering and a review of the MIDD evaluation processes.

2. MIDD Service Improvement Plan: Due December 1, 2016

The MIDD service improvement plan requires detailed descriptions of each proposed MIDD program to be funded by a renewed MIDD sales tax. Spending plans, implementation schedules, performance measures, outcomes, and process changes are also to be included in the report. The programs recommended for funding in the MIDD service improvement plan must demonstrate that they are related to successful outcomes and best or promising practices, incorporate the goals and principles of recovery, reflect the County's policy goals, and integrate with other policy and planning endeavors.

The enclosed report outlines the approach and activities conducted to date by King County and the MIDD Oversight Committee in fulfilling the requirements of Ordinance 17998, Section 5 which reads:

“The executive shall submit a progress report on the work called for by this ordinance no later than November 5, 2015...”

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The report also provides important contextual information, outlining the background and impacts of the changes to the behavioral health system in King County and Washington in recent years. Improvements and innovations initiated or influenced by King County and its partners, as well as coordination with other related work in the community, are detailed in this report.

The report was shared with the MIDD Oversight Committee in advance and reviewed by the committee at its September 24, 2015 meeting.

This report supports the King County Strategic Plan by ensuring a network of effective health and human services are available to people in need.

It is estimated that this report required 25 staff hours to produce, costing \$2,500.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Adrienne Quinn, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-9100.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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