



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE renaming the department of community and human services mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services division; and amending Ordinance 11955, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.130, amending Ordinance 15327, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C 2.43.025 and Ordinance 16077, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.130.010.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. The department of community and human services mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services division will become the behavioral health organization for King County in accordance with Chapter 225, Laws of Washington 2014, which requires and authorizes the integrated purchasing of mental health and substance use treatment services through managed care and the full integration of physical and behavioral health care by 2020.
2. The new King County behavioral health organization will replace the current regional support network and county chemical dependency coordinator and will administer integrated services for individuals receiving publicly funded mental health and/or substance use treatment services in the county.
3. Because behavioral health integration and the integration of physical and behavioral health is now a key mission of the department of community and human services, it is appropriate to rename the mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services division to become the behavioral health and recovery division to better reflect this mission.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 11955, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.130 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The department of community and human services is responsible to manage and be fiscally accountable for the community services division, (~~(mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services)~~) the behavioral health and recovery division and the developmental disabilities division.

B. The duties of the community services division shall include the following:

1. Working in partnership with communities and other funders to develop, support and provide human services which emphasize prevention, early intervention, and community education, and which strengthen individuals, families and communities in King County;

2. Managing programs which increase family self-sufficiency, enhance youth resiliency, reduce community violence and strengthen communities. The division shall also manage programs which address housing and community development needs, and help implement improvements identified in subarea and neighborhood plans for low and moderate income communities and population. Such programs are to include, but not be limited to, providing employment and training for youth and adults and providing assistance to indigent veterans and their families as authorized by chapters 41.02 and 73.08 RCW. This division shall administer the county's federal housing and community development funds and other housing and community development programs;

3. Developing housing and community development policies and programs to implement the growth management policies throughout King County to provide affordable housing to low and moderate income residents; and

4. Duties regarding the women's advisory board specified in K.C.C. 2.30.040.

C. The duties of the (~~(mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services)~~) behavioral health and recovery division shall, subject to available resources and to its exercise of discretionary prioritization, include the following:

1. Managing and operating ~~((a system of mental health services for acutely disturbed, seriously disturbed, and chronically mentally ill children and adults))~~ a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services including prevention, mental health, substance use disorder and cooccurring disorder treatment services for children, youth and adults who meet eligibility criteria;

2. Managing and operating a twenty-four-hour crisis response system, including civil commitment as a last resort;

3. ~~((Providing treatment and rehabilitation service for alcoholism and for other drug addictions under federal and state laws and King County ordinances;~~

4.)) Selecting appropriate agencies for the provision of behavioral health services, developing, implementing and monitoring the provision and outcomes of contracted services;

~~((5.))~~ 4. Being responsible for resource management of a comprehensive behavioral health system including provision of staff support to appropriate advisory boards, and serving as liaison to federal, state, and other governments and relevant organizations in carrying out planning and allocation processes;

~~((6. Ensuring))~~ 5. Facilitating the continuing availability of appropriate treatment services for eligible individuals with a ~~((single))~~ diagnosis of mental illness ~~((or a))~~, substance use or ~~((dependency))~~ cooccurring disorder; and

~~((7.))~~ 6. Developing and maintaining a continuum of appropriate treatment services for eligible individuals ~~((with dual diagnoses of both a mental illness and a substance use or dependency disorder)).~~

D. The duties of the developmental disabilities division shall include the following:

1. Managing and operating a system of services for persons with developmental disabilities in accordance with relevant state statutes and county policies and to provide staff support to the King County board for developmental disabilities; and

2. Negotiating, implementing and monitoring contracts with community agencies for the provision of developmental disabilities services.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 15327, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.43.025 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The ((~~mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services~~)) behavioral health and recovery division, or its successor, shall provide to the council an annual written progress report. The report shall describe progress in implementing the recovery model and resiliency model and shall include:

1. The status of strategies, goals, action steps, and timelines for implementing the identified system changes necessary to achieve a fully recovery and resiliency oriented service system;
2. Detailed information on programs and activities; and
3. Outcomes and other appropriate performance measures.

B. The report shall be filed in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy to the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy of the report to all councilmembers, all members of the regional policy committee, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the council's law, justice, health and human services committee, or its successor, and for the regional policy committee, or its successor.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 16077, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.130.010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. There is hereby established a King County mental illness and drug dependency oversight committee.

B.1. The oversight committee shall act as an advisory body to the county executive and council. The oversight committee is responsible for oversight of the mental illness and drug dependency tax-funded strategies, programs and goals outlined in K.C.C. chapter 4.33 and consistent with the mental illness and drug dependency action plan. The oversight committee shall provide ongoing oversight of mental illness and drug dependency tax-funded programs until all revenues have been expended and the final evaluation of the mental illness and drug dependency programs and services has been submitted to the council.

2. The oversight committee shall:

a. review and provide written recommendations to the executive and the council on the implementation and effectiveness of the county's sales tax funded programs in meeting the goals established in K.C.C. chapter 4.33;

B. review and report to the executive and the council on the quarterly, annual and evaluation reports as required by K.C.C. chapter 4.33;

c. review and make comment on emerging and evolving priorities for the use of the mental illness and drug dependency sales tax revenue;

d. serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved with sales tax programs;

e. educate the public, policymakers and stakeholders on sales tax funded programs; and

f. coordinate and share information with other related efforts and groups.

C. The oversight committee shall be composed of one representative from each of the following:

1. The council;

2. The executive;

3. The superior court;

4. The district court;

5. The prosecuting attorney's office;

6. The sheriff's office;

7. The department of public health;

8. The department of judicial administration;

9. The department of adult and juvenile detention;

10. The department of community and human services;

11. The King County mental health advisory board;

12. The King County alcoholism and substance abuse administrative board;

13. A provider of both mental health and chemical dependency services in King County;
 14. A provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County;
 15. A provider of culturally specific chemical dependency services in King County;
 16. A provider of domestic violence prevention services in King County;
 17. A provider of sexual assault victim services in King County;
 18. An agency providing mental health and chemical dependency services to youth;
 19. Harborview Medical Center;
 20. The Committee to End Homelessness in King County;
 21. King County systems integration initiative, which is an ongoing work group established by the executive for addressing juvenile justice matters;
 22. The Community Health Council;
 23. The Washington State Hospital Association, representing King County hospitals;
 24. The Suburban Cities Association;
 25. The city of Seattle;
 26. The city of Bellevue;
 27. Labor representing a bona fide labor organization;
 28. The office of the public defender;
 29. The national alliance on mental illness; and
 30. A representative from a public defender agency that the county contracts with to provide services.
- D.1. Separately elected officials and King County agency directors or their designees are not required to be appointed or confirmed.
2. A member of the oversight committee who has been confirmed to serve on another county board or commission is not required to be confirmed to serve on the oversight committee.
 3. All other members of the oversight committee are subject to appointment by the county executive

and confirmation by the county council.

4. The executive shall appoint oversight committee members to staggered terms in accordance with K.C.C. 2.28.010.C.

E. The oversight committee shall adopt rules governing its operations at its first meeting.

1. The committee shall elect a chair or cochairs.

2. Subcommittees and workgroups may be formed at the discretion of the oversight committee.

3. At each meeting of the oversight committee, the oversight committee shall provide an open comment period.

F. The oversight committee shall coordinate with other county groups including, but not limited to, the Committee to End Homelessness in King County, the regional human services levy citizen oversight board, the veterans levy citizen oversight board and the adult and juvenile justice operational master plan advisory groups to ensure that information is shared and, when appropriate, efforts are linked and not duplicated.

G. The office of performance, strategy and budget and the ~~((mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services))~~ behavioral health and recovery division of the department of community and human services shall provide staffing of the oversight committee.

H. Members of the oversight committee who are not full-time county employees may be reimbursed for parking expenses in the King County parking garage when attending meetings of the committee.