



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 21, 2015**

**Motion 14404**

**Proposed No. 2015-0145.1**

**Sponsors Upthegrove**

1           A MOTION accepting the mental illness and drug  
2           dependency seventh annual report, in compliance with  
3           Ordinances 15949, 16261 and 16262.

4           WHEREAS, in 2005, the state Legislature authorized counties to implement a  
5           one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax to support new or expanded chemical  
6           dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the operation of  
7           new or expanded therapeutic court programs and services, and

8           WHEREAS, in November 2007, the council approved Ordinance 15949  
9           authorizing the levy collection of and legislative policies for the expenditure of revenues  
10          from an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the delivery of mental  
11          health and chemical dependency services and therapeutic courts, and

12          WHEREAS, the ordinance defined the following five policy goals for programs  
13          supported through sales tax funds:

- 14           1. A reduction of the number of mentally ill and chemically dependent using  
15          costly interventions like jail, emergency rooms and hospitals;
- 16           2. A reduction of the number of people who recycle through the jail, returning  
17          repeatedly as a result of their mental illness or chemical dependency;
- 18           3. A reduction of the incidence and severity of chemical dependency and mental  
19          and emotional disorders in youth and adults;

20           4. Diversion of mentally ill and chemically dependent youth and adults from  
21 initial or further justice system involvement; and

22           5. Explicit linkage with, and furthering the work of, other council directed efforts  
23 including, the adult and juvenile justice operational master plans, the Ten Year Plan to  
24 End Homelessness, the Veterans and Human Services Levy Service Improvement Plan  
25 and the county Mental Health Recovery Plan, and

26           WHEREAS, the ordinance established a policy framework for measuring the  
27 public's investment, requiring the King County executive to submit oversight,  
28 implementation and evaluation plans for the programs funded with tax revenue, and

29           WHEREAS, each of those plans was developed in collaboration with the mental  
30 illness and drug dependency oversight committee and each was approved by the council  
31 in 2008, and

32           WHEREAS, the mental illness and drug dependency plans established a  
33 comprehensive framework to ensure that the strategies and programs funded through the  
34 one-tenth of one percent sales tax are transparent, accountable, collaborative and  
35 effective, and

36           WHEREAS, Ordinance 15949, as amended, set forth the required elements of the  
37 mental illness and drug dependency annual report, and

38           WHEREAS, the mental illness and drug dependency annual report has been  
39 reviewed and approved by the mental illness and drug dependency oversight committee;

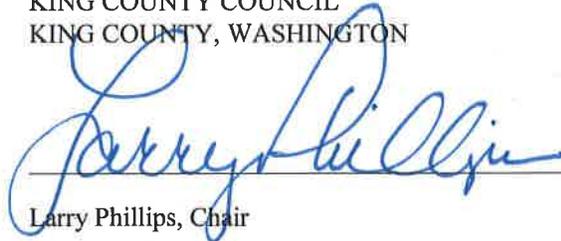
40           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

41           The Mental Illness and Drug Dependency seventh annual report is hereby  
42 accepted.  
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Motion 14404 was introduced on 4/6/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 7/20/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr.  
Upthegrove  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Mental Health and Drug Dependency Seventh Annual Report