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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits the 2023 Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Annual Report, as called for by King County Code 4A.500.309.D, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report. This report describes evaluation results for the programs and services supported by King County's dedicated 0.1 percent MIDD behavioral health sales tax, specifically addressing MIDD's five adopted policy goals. In addition, the report provides information about implementation of the programs and services supported by MIDD during 2023.

MIDD supports equitable opportunities for health, wellness, connection to community, and recovery for King County residents living with or at risk of behavioral health conditions. Its programs are designed to improve access to behavioral health treatment and therapeutic court services through a continuum of care that includes prevention, early intervention, crisis diversion, recovery and reentry, and system improvement. The 2023 report showcases key outcomes and themes in MIDD's implementation in 2023. The report links throughout to the online [MIDD Data Dashboard](#), an interactive tool that accompanies the report, giving users the ability to explore MIDD data and outcomes with powerful flexibility. The dashboard provides fiscal information on MIDD investments, plus demographic and outcomes data for the fund overall and by initiative.

The 2023 report illustrates MIDD's critical role in reinforcing King County's behavioral health system and highlights MIDD's effectiveness amid ongoing challenges. Key areas of focused attention in 2023 included:

- Growing and sustaining a diverse behavioral health workforce,
- Addressing the fentanyl surge and eliminating barriers to treatment,
- Reducing barriers and increasing access to behavioral health treatment,
- Increasing youth access to behavioral health treatment, and

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As required by Ordinance 19546, Section 71, Expenditure Restriction ER1, the report also provides information about the implementation of a MIDD-funded art therapy pilot project.

The MIDD Advisory Committee reviewed and supported the enclosed report at its June 6, 2024 meeting. A draft copy of the report was distributed to committee members in advance and comments from members were incorporated into the final report.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and for the Council's partnership in investing in innovative, effective services that help to make King County a community where every person can thrive.

If your staff have any questions about this report, please contact Kelly Rider, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-5780.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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