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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the 2024 MIDD Annual Report, as called for by KCC 4A.500.309.D, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve 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. In addition, the report provides information about implementation of the programs and services supported by MIDD during 2024.

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 2024 report provides key outcomes and themes in MIDD's implementation in 2024. The report links throughout to the online MIDD Data Dashboard, an interactive tool accompanying the report, offers users the ability to explore MIDD data and outcomes. The dashboard provides fiscal information on MIDD investments, plus demographic and outcomes data for the fund overall and by initiative.

The 2024 report illustrates MIDD's critical role in King County's behavioral health system and highlights MIDD's effectiveness amid ongoing challenges. MIDD investments in 2024 were guided by the MIDD 2 Implementation Plan and responded to emerging community needs to the degree possible through currently funded initiatives. Key areas of focus featured in the report include:

- Reducing barriers and increasing equitable access to care;
- Improving transitions between care settings to keep people engaged in treatment and services;

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- Addressing opioid use disorder and overdose, reducing barriers to lifesaving medications for opioid use, and increasing mobile care responses;
- Increasing youth access to behavioral health treatment, and
- Growing and sustaining a diverse behavioral health workforce.

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 5, 2025 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 King County 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

Shannon Braddock King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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