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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 annual 2022 MIDD Summary Report, as called for by King County Code 4A.500.309, 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, 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 2022.

I encourage you to visit the [MIDD Data Dashboard](#), an interactive tool that accompanies the report and gives users the ability to explore MIDD services, data, and outcomes with powerful customization and flexibility. The dashboard details each of MIDD's 52 initiatives and presents demographics and outcome data for the fund overall and by initiative. It also contains additional fiscal and evaluation information.

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 2022 report illustrates MIDD's critical role in reinforcing King County's behavioral health system and highlights MIDD's effectiveness amid ongoing challenges. In 2022, the scale and intensity of behavioral health needs and challenges in the region continued to grow. A critical workforce shortage also meant there were not always enough people to carry out the work to meet this growing need.

The report shows how MIDD programming rose up when the community needed it most. The 2022 report highlights key outcomes across MIDD's strategy areas, including sustaining results in reduced jail bookings, emergency department admissions, and psychiatric hospital

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admissions for King County residents who receive MIDD services. The report includes a variety of other measures showing how MIDD programs are connecting people to treatment and impacting health and wellness in our region. Additionally, the report identifies themes in MIDD's implementation in 2022, including MIDD's responses to needs for outreach programs, peer services, youth behavioral health care, and housing stability.

The MIDD Advisory Committee reviewed and supported the enclosed report at its June 8, 2023 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 proposed Motion, and for the King County Council's partnership in delivering innovative, effective services that help make King County a community where every person can thrive.

If your staff have questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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