March 28, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

This letter transmits the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Eighth Annual Report covering the period of October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, for Council acceptance, per King County Ordinances 15949, 16261 and 16262. This report provides an overview of the implementation of the programs and services supported with the one-tenth of one percent sales tax revenues approved by the King County Council to improve access to mental health and substance abuse treatment, and therapeutic court services for people in need.

In 2010, King County approved the King County Strategic Plan. Two of the goals of the plan are to “support safe communities and accessible justice systems for all” and “promote opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential.” The MIDD aligns with the Strategic Plan and Equity and Social Justice Initiative by providing a full array of mental health, chemical dependency and therapeutic court services that help reduce or prevent involvement in the criminal justice, crisis mental health and emergency medical systems, and promote stability for individuals currently involved in those systems.

The MIDD Oversight Committee reviewed and accepted the enclosed report (Attachment A) at its meeting on February 25, 2016. A draft copy of the report was distributed to members in advance and comments from members were incorporated into the final report.

It is estimated that this report required 2,050 staff hours to produce, costing $88,000.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Adrienne Quinn, Department of Community and Human Services Director, at 206-263-9100.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

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