



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

Please find attached the 2020 MIDD Annual Report, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the report.<sup>1</sup> As required by Ordinance 18407, 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 during 2020 of the programs and services supported by MIDD.

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. In 2020, MIDD programs and services experienced a year of unforeseen challenges and rising needs. Among those challenges was the economic downturn related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which significantly reduced the sales tax revenues that support MIDD services. MIDD funded organizations quickly adapted to meet community needs, making 2020 a year of resilience and adaptation for organizations and community members.

As shown in this report, MIDD-funded services are making a difference in King County, continuing to show results in reduced jail bookings, emergency department admissions, and psychiatric hospital admissions for King County residents who receive MIDD services. A variety of other measures show how MIDD programs are connecting people to treatment and impacting health and wellness in our region.

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<sup>1</sup> MIDD is referred to in King County Code and related legislation as the mental illness and drug dependency fund, tax, or levy.

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MIDD supports the King County Strategic Plan health and human services goal of improving the health and well-being of all people in our community and the objective to support prevention and recovery for people of all ages with behavioral health conditions.

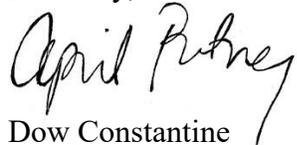
MIDD aligns with King County's Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan by providing an array of targeted, locally driven behavioral health and therapeutic court services that strengthen outcomes and expand access.

The MIDD Advisory Committee reviewed and supported the enclosed report at its June 10, 2021 meeting. A draft copy of the report was distributed to committee members in advance and comments from members were incorporated into the final report. It is estimated that this report required 1,353 staff hours to produce, as well as contracted design services, for a total estimated cost of \$132,421.

Thank you for King County Council's partnership in delivering 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 Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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