**STAFF REPORT**

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| **Agenda Item:** | 4-6 | **Name:** | Sam Porter |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2021-00692021-00342021-0174 | **Date:** | July 14, 2021 |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motions to confirm the appointment of the following individuals to the King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Advisory Committee:

* Sunny Lovin, who resides in Council District Three, representing Harborview Medical Center;[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Victor Loo, who resides in Council District Two, representing a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County;[[2]](#footnote-2) and
* Brenda Fincher, Councilmember, City of Kent, who resides in Council District Five, filling a position nominated by the Sound Cities Association.[[3]](#footnote-3)

**BACKGROUND**

The 37-member King County MIDD Advisory Committee (K.C.C. 2.130.010) is composed of separately elected officials, King County agency directors, representatives of behavioral health service providers, managed care organizations operating in King County, and individuals with lived experience. The committee acts as an advisory body to the council and executive.

In accordance with King County Code the advisory committee is tasked with:

* reviewing and providing written recommendations to the Executive and Council on the implementation and effectiveness of the county's sales tax funded programs in meeting the goals;
* review and report to the executive and the council on annual evaluation reports;
* review and comment on emerging and evolving priorities for the use of the mental illness and drug dependency sales tax revenue;
* serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities involved with sales tax programs;
* educate the public, policymakers and stakeholders on mental illness and drug dependency sales tax funded programs;
* coordinate and share information with other related efforts and groups.

**APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

**Appointee Sunny Lovin.** Proposed Motion 2021-0069 would confirm the appointment of Sunny Lovin, who resides in Council District Three, for a partial term expiring June 30, 2022. Ms. Lovin would serve on the MIDD Advisory Board as a representative of Harborview Medical Center. As described in her application materials, Ms. Lovin currently serves as the Interim Director of Outpatient Behavioral Health Services at Harborview and has experience managing grants and contracts that were either fully or partially funded by MIDD dollars.

**Appointee Victor Loo.** Proposed Motion 2021-0034 would confirm the appointment of Victor Loo, who resides in Council District Two, for a four-year term expiring June 30, 2024. Mr. Loo would serve as in a position representing a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County. As described in his application materials, Mr. Loo was recently the Director of Practice Innovation for Asian Counseling and Referral Service. According to LinkedIn, in June Mr. Loo transitioned into the role of President and CEO of Seattle Counseling Service, a community resource that advocates, educates, and serves to advance the behavioral health and social well-being of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities.

**Appointee Brenda Fincher.** Proposed Motion 2021-0174 would confirm the appointment of Brenda Fincher, who resides in Council District Five, for a four-year term expiring June 30, 2025. Ms. Fincher would serve on the MIDD Advisory Board in a position nominated by the Sound Cities Association. Ms. Fincher currently serves as a Councilmember for the City of Kent and has previously been on the Board of Kent Youth and Family Services. She previously served as an alternate for the MIDD Advisory Board for Councilmember Asher.

**ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments and they all appear to be consistent with the requirements of county code.

**INVITED**

* Sunny Lovin, Interim Director, Outpatient Behavioral Health Services, Harborview Medical Center
* Victor Loo, Director, Practice Innovation, Asian Counseling and Referral Service
* Brenda Fincher, Councilmember, City of Kent
* Robin Pfohman, MIDD Coordinator, Behavioral Health and Recovery Division, Department of Community and Human Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Motion 2021-0069
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Proposed Motion 2021-0034
4. Transmittal Letter
5. Proposed Motion 2021-0174
6. Transmittal Letter
7. MIDD Board Profile
1. Proposed Motion 2021-0069 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Proposed Motion 2021-0034 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Proposed Motion 2021-0174 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)