



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 6, 2012**

**Motion 13768**

**Proposed No.** 2012-0420.1

**Sponsors** Patterson, Gossett, McDermott,  
Phillips, Hague, Lambert, von Reichbauer,  
Dunn and Ferguson

1           A MOTION requesting the executive, in collaboration with  
2           the departments of public health and community and  
3           human services, and a community stakeholder panel  
4           informed by local and national expertise, to develop and  
5           submit for council review and approval a plan for an  
6           accountable and integrated system of health, human  
7           services and community-based prevention in King County.

8           WHEREAS, King County has an adopted strategic plan that includes the goal to  
9           provide opportunities for all communities and individuals to realize their full potential,  
10          and

11          WHEREAS, King County established and adopted the framework policies for  
12          human services 1999 and revised them in 2007, and continues to use the framework  
13          policies to guide the county's investments in human services and communicate King  
14          County's role in human services, and

15          WHEREAS, in 2007, King County established and adopted the public health  
16          operational master plan to guide broad public health policy and decision-making related  
17          to the delivery of public health services in King County, and

18 WHEREAS, King County submitted            and the voters approved in 2006 and again in  
19 2011 the veterans and human services levy providing dedicated revenue for health and  
20 human services, and

21 WHEREAS, in 2007, the metropolitan King County council authorized the mental  
22 illness and drug dependency sales tax, and

23 WHEREAS, the King County adopted strategic plan identifies the principle of  
24 "fair and just" to guide the county's work and services in order to achieve equitable  
25 opportunities for all people and communities, and

26 WHEREAS, despite the fact that King County has made progress in improving  
27 residents' health, significant and unacceptable disparities persist in relation to geography,  
28 race/ethnicity, and other social factors, and

29 WHEREAS, the United States outspends every other industrialized nation on  
30 healthcare yet lags behind its peers on health status, and

31 WHEREAS, in 2010, the United States Congress passed the affordable care act  
32 which aims to expand coverage, improve quality and control costs through numerous care  
33 delivery, payment and public health reform provisions, and

34 WHEREAS, the conditions in which county residents live, learn, work and play  
35 have a greater impact on their health and life expectancy than do medical conditions and  
36 health care services, and

37 WHEREAS, improving health and human services outcomes for county residents  
38 requires collaboration among partners, providers and policymakers, and

39 WHEREAS, it is imperative to create and implement innovative health and  
40 human service models that integrate services across numerous sectors such as housing

41 and homelessness, behavioral health services, clinical health services, community  
42 prevention, public health, businesses and others, and

43 WHEREAS, in 2011, the executive convened a health care reform planning team  
44 to serve as a forum to design models of integrated service delivery that are based on a  
45 thorough understanding of broader community strategies that will produce the best  
46 possible health and human potential outcomes, and the health care reform planning team  
47 developed a framework for an accountable and integrated system of care for low-income  
48 residents in the county;

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

50 A. The executive is requested to, in collaboration with the departments of public  
51 health and community and human services and a community stakeholder panel, develop  
52 and submit for council review and approval, a plan for an accountable and integrated  
53 system of health, human services, and community-based prevention for the county's  
54 residents in need. The plan should include and build upon existing work including, but  
55 should not be limited to, the framework for an accountable and integrated system of care  
56 for low-income residents in King County.

57 B. The executive is requested to develop the plan with input from representatives  
58 from the health and human services community, the prevention and public health  
59 community, the business community, the geographic subregions of the county and local  
60 and national experts in system transformation and innovation, and with assistance from  
61 council staff.

62 C. The plan should specifically address the systems of health, human services  
63 and community-based prevention that are operated and funded by King County, and

64 should describe coordination and integration strategies across a variety of health and  
65 human services including, but not limited to, the following service areas:

- 66 1. Clinical health services, including primary care;
- 67 2. Health promotion and community-based prevention;
- 68 3. Community development and place-based programs;
- 69 4. Housing and homelessness;
- 70 5. Mental illness and chemical dependency, including recovery oriented  
71 systems;
- 72 6. Domestic violence and sexual assault survivor; and
- 73 7. Employment and job training; and
- 74 7. Developmental disabilities.

75 D. The development of the plan should recognize the various populations and  
76 diversity of those in need services throughout the county, including, but not limited to,  
77 infants, children and youth, families, seniors, veterans and culturally specific populations.

78 E. The plan should be individual, family and community centered, and should  
79 provide for culturally appropriate, evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies,  
80 services and programs that are cost-effective, integrated, prevention focused and recovery  
81 oriented.

82 F. Among the policy goals that the plan should address are:

- 83 1. The simultaneous pursuit of an improved experience of health care and  
84 human services for residents;
- 85 2. Improved health of the residents;
- 86 3. Lowered or controlled costs; and

87           4. Options for the creation and implementation of a single point of  
88           accountability for health and human services cost, quality and outcomes.

89           G. The plan should include, but not be limited to, the following:

90           1. A section that describes the vision and goals of an accountable and integrated  
91           system of health, human services and community-based prevention that specifically  
92           integrate with existing county policy;

93           2. A section describing the implementation of an accountable and integrated  
94           system of health, human services and community-based prevention;

95           3. A section detailing how an accountable and integrated system of health,  
96           human services and community-based prevention will coordinate with existing King  
97           County work and planning processes such as the healthcare reform planning team, the  
98           community link project, the committee to end homelessness, the veterans and human  
99           services levy citizen oversight boards and the mental illness and drug dependency  
100          oversight committee;

101          4. A section that addresses the role of performance measurement and includes  
102          an outline of the potential metrics for assessing progress and success in implementing and  
103          refining an accountable and integrated system of health and human services and  
104          community-based prevention;

105          5. Recommendations for strategic investments to achieve an accountable and  
106          integrated system of health, human services, and community-based prevention that  
107          reflect:

108                 a. advancement of the King County Strategic Plan and equity and social justice  
109          initiative;

- 110           b. integration of models that demonstrate the ability to enhance health and  
111 human service outcomes for the county's most-vulnerable residents;
- 112           c. integration of innovative strategies that are specifically applicable in under-  
113 resourced communities experiencing significant inequities;
- 114           d. the opportunities and efficiencies of building human service and prevention  
115 partnerships in tandem with the health delivery system for low-income residents; and
- 116           e. improvements in system capacity, quality, effectiveness and efficiency of  
117 the county's health, human services and community-based prevention systems; and
- 118           6. Options for financing accountable and integrated system of health, human  
119 services, and community-based prevention in the county by using existing or new  
120 revenue generating authority such as allowed under RCW 82.14.450.

121 H. The plan should be submitted to the council, with a motion for acceptance of  
122 the plan, by June 1, 2013.  
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Motion 13768 was introduced on 10/15/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 11/5/2012, by the following vote:

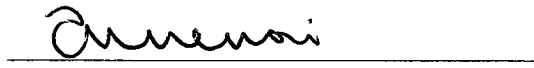
Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Dunn and Mr.  
McDermott  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None