



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 7, 2016**

**Motion 14712**

**Proposed No. 2016-0354.1**

**Sponsors Kohl-Welles**

1           A MOTION approving the comprehensive, historical  
2           review and assessment report of the mental illness and drug  
3           dependency funded strategies, services, and programs, in  
4           compliance with Ordinance 17998.

5           WHEREAS, in 2005, the state Legislature authorized counties to implement a  
6           one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax to support new or expanded chemical  
7           dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the operation of  
8           new or expanded therapeutic court programs and services, and

9           WHEREAS, in November 2007, Ordinance 15949 authorized the levy collection  
10          of and legislative policies for the expenditure of revenues from an additional sales and  
11          use tax of one-tenth of one percent for the delivery of mental health and chemical  
12          dependency services and therapeutic courts, and

13          WHEREAS, Ordinance 15949 defined the following five policy goals for  
14          programs supported through sales tax funds:

15           1. A reduction of the number of mentally ill and chemically dependent using  
16          costly interventions like jail, emergency rooms and hospitals;

17           2. A reduction of the number of people who recycle through the jail, returning  
18          repeatedly as a result of their mental illness or chemical dependency;

19           3. A reduction of the incidence and severity of chemical dependency and mental  
20 and emotional disorders in youth and adults;

21           4. Diversion of mentally ill and chemically dependent youth and adults from  
22 initial or further justice system involvement; and

23           5. Explicit linkage with, and furthering the work of, other council directed efforts  
24 including the adult and juvenile justice operational master plans, the Plan to End  
25 Homelessness, the Veterans and Human Services Levy Services Improvement Plan and  
26 the county Recovery Plan, and

27           WHEREAS, Ordinance 15949 established a sunset date for the ordinance  
28 authorizing the mental illness and drug dependency ("MIDD") one-tenth of one percent  
29 sales and use tax of January 1, 2017, while acknowledging that the county may amend  
30 the expiration date to provide for continued collection of the sales and use tax, and

31           WHEREAS, in preparation for the King County council's potential consideration  
32 of an amendment to ordinance 15949 to provide for continued collection of the MIDD  
33 sales and use tax, and

34           WHEREAS, Ordinance 17998 called for the King County executive to transmit to  
35 the council a comprehensive, historical review and assessment report of the MIDD-  
36 funded strategies, services and programs that includes an evaluation of the effectiveness  
37 of the MIDD-funded strategies, services and programs in meeting the five policy goals  
38 outlined in Ordinance 15949, and

39           WHEREAS, the comprehensive, historical review and assessment report of the  
40 MIDD-funded strategies, services and programs recognizes that in aggregate, MIDD-

41 funded strategies, services and programs are successful and effective in meeting the  
42 established policy goals, and

43 WHEREAS, significant reductions in jail and emergency department use and  
44 psychiatric hospitalizations are reflected in the report as documented by MIDD  
45 evaluation data, and

46 WHEREAS, the comprehensive, historical review and assessment report of the  
47 MIDD-funded strategies, services and programs submitted by the executive with this  
48 motion has been developed with input from, and has been reviewed by, the mental illness  
49 and drug dependency oversight committee;

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

51 The comprehensive, historical review and assessment report of the mental illness

52 and drug dependency funded strategies, services and programs, which is Attachment A to  
53 this motion, is hereby approved.

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Motion 14712 was introduced on 7/11/2016 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 9/6/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Comprehensive Restrospective Report