

# Public Health & Substance Use Disorder Investments

**Tanya Kim**, Director, Human Services Department (HSD)



# Agenda

1. HSD Overview
2. Context Setting
3. Progress to Date
4. HSD's Public Health Role
5. What HSD's PHSKC Contract Funds
6. Next Steps



# Human Services Department Overview

The Human Services Department's (HSD) mission is to **connect people with resources and solutions during times of need** so we can all live, learn, work and take part in strong, healthy communities.

HSD's six impact areas are:

1. Preparing Youth for Success
2. Supporting Affordability and Livability
3. Addressing Homelessness
4. **Promoting Public Health**
5. Supporting Safe Communities
6. Promoting Healthy Aging



**Seattle**  
**Human Services**  
**Equity • Support • Community**



# Context Setting

Public health and responding to the city's behavioral health challenges are a priority for Mayor Harrell.

- Directive to focus our funding on city priorities, including the opioid crisis
- Took immediate action
- New strategies forthcoming to align our future investments



# Progress to Date

- Implemented Health 99 (opioid settlement funds)
- Awarded post-overdose facility funds (CDBG)
- Developed “set-aside” in-patient detox and treatment options (opioid settlement funds)
- Developing implementation plan for CBA HSD-813-B

# Health 99



- Began operations in July 2023
- Created by Mayor Harrell's EO 2023-04 to address public health and safety impacts of the opioid and fentanyl crisis
- Currently staffed with a SFD firefighter/EMT and an HSD caseworker
- Responded to 538 alarms (441 overdose & 97 post-overdose follow-ups) since its launch

# Opioid Recovery & Care Access (ORCA) Center

- May announcement of \$5.65M towards a new DESC facility
- Current Status: Environmental review and contract development
- Anticipated to come online Q1 2025
- Operations will be supported by opioid settlement funds



# Valley Cities Recovery Place Seattle



- \$2.55M investment to provide dedicated bed capacity for SUD detox and treatment
- Utilizes Opioid Settlement Funding
- Estimated to serve 135 to 150 people over 12 months
- Referrals anticipated to begin in Q4 2024

# HSD's Public Health Role

- \$24.5M in public health investments this year
  - Includes \$20.1M contract with Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC)
- HSD's PHSKC contract provides the City an opportunity to:
  - Enhance the work of PHSKC
  - Fund City priorities
  - Address system gaps



# What HSD's PHSKC Contract Funds

- Methadone, Buprenorphine Pathways & Medication Assisted Treatment Access
- Drug User Health Services
- Health Care for the Homeless Network
- Community Health Partnership
- Enhanced Reproductive Health Access
- Mental Health Court Services



# Next Steps

**Goal:** Align City investments with current public health priorities.

- ☒ **2023:** Innovation and Performance (IP) conducted extensive literature review on local, state, and national PH trends
- ☒ **2024:** HSD conducted in-depth analysis of current PHSKC contract; Developing a Theory of Change to ensure investments are meeting our greatest needs
- ☐ **2025:** HSD and PHSKC implement contract changes -- set expectations, finalize performance metrics and reporting structures; and strengthen interlocal agreement (ILA).

# Questions?

