

2016 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Explore greater collaboration and efficiency gains within the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) programs

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

Council requests that the Human Service Department adjust its 2016 contracts with the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) programs to require that they engage in a planning process to explore the following questions, with the desired outcome being greater collaboration and operational efficiencies within the programs and agencies involved, as well as improving neighborhood-level public health and safety conditions where the programs operate.

The planning process should include, but is not limited to, requiring that the LEAD and MDT programs:

1. Evaluate how they can streamline and create efficiencies within and between the LEAD and MDT programs, and specifically describe potential costs and benefits of integrating or more closely coordinating LEAD and the MDT.
2. Explore how they can create meaningful change at the neighborhood level where LEAD and MDT are operating, and what should be measured going forward to track changes at the neighborhood level (e.g., crime statistics, 911 calls for service, environmental indications of crime or street disorder, etc.).
3. Estimate the average cost per participant for both programs, separated out for 1) case management; 2) support services (e.g., housing, detox); and 3) program administration. Provide both the total costs and the City-funded portion.
4. Define the theory of change used by each program. For LEAD, describe any recommended revisions to the theory of change to respond to recent City and County changes to arrest and prosecution policies for prostitution and drug dealing.

5. Engage with community representatives from Downtown and Capitol Hill, including the Special Task Force on Chinatown-International District (see SLI 80-1-A-4) to support program success.
6. Identify potential operational changes that could be made by government agencies to make these programs more effective, as well as the expected behavioral changes in the programs' participants that correspond to these operational changes.
7. Propose recommendations for how to take these programs to scale, both in their current geographies and beyond. Incorporate lessons learned from the 2014 expansion of MDT and LEAD into the Chinatown-International District.
8. With regard to expansion to Capitol Hill:
 - a. Recommend strategies for incorporating youth into the LEAD and MDT programs to help prevent youth detention.
 - b. Evaluate whether the expansion of the LEAD and MDT programs into Capitol Hill would affect public safety issues in the Little Saigon neighborhood, and if so, how.
9. Propose recommendations to revise the LEAD and MDT governance structures to reflect the changing mix of funders.

Council requests that the Human Services Department, along with the LEAD and MDT programs, report back to Council on recommendations from this planning process by May 31, 2016.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Housing Affordability, Human Services, and Economic Resiliency; Public Safety, Civil Rights and Technology

Date Due to Council: May 31, 2016