



# Center City Initiative – Multi-Disciplinary Team Policies, Procedures and Reporting SLI 128-4-A-1

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# SLI 128-4-A-1 Report Results

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- Response to Statement of Legislative Intent 128-4-A-1
- Background on the purpose of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) and participants
- Information on the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
- Accountability and Authority Structure for the MDT
- Identification of MDT participants
- Intervention Protocol for the MDT
- Protocols for Client Confidentiality
- Service Modality
- Service funding and the MID Outreach Team

# Purpose and Background of MDT

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The purpose of the MDT is to support Center City Initiative efforts to address street disorder downtown by facilitating intensive coordination among City departments and service providers.

MDT functioning at full capacity since October 2013 with these organizations:

- HSD – Facilitator
- City Park Rangers
- West Precinct Officer
- City Attorney
- Public Defender Association
- REACH
- DESC
- YouthCare
- Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission
- Neighborhood Corrections Initiative
- Community Court

# LEAD and MDT

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## Key Distinction

- LEAD candidates must be facing a potential arrest for a low-level narcotics or prosecution offense.
- MDT candidates are identified through certain problematic behaviors but are not LEAD eligible.

An individual can begin as an MDT client and then potentially be identified as appropriate for LEAD as more information becomes available regarding individual.

# MDT Accountability & Authority

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- The Mayor's Office will provide policy oversight for MDT coordination under the auspices of the Center City Initiative.
- A steering committee consisting of key staff from the departments of Human Services, Police, Planning & Development and Parks provides ongoing support.
- Human Services is leading weekly MDT coordinating meetings.

# Identification of MDT Clients

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- Civil infractions and/or challenging behaviors to be addressed by MDT.
  - Aggressive panhandling, parking “piracy,” sit/lie violations, mental health issues, alcohol/chemical dependency

The MDT will identify potential clients using the following indicators:

- Frequent interactions and/or citations with SPD
- Violation of Parks rules/codes of conduct/exclusions
- Vulnerability due to intoxication
- Vulnerability due to psychosis
- Sitting or lying on sidewalks
- Violent outbursts/aggressive outbursts
- Impacts/complaints from business owners, residents and visitors
- Frequent interactions with outreach staff

# Reporting and Outcomes

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- The MID outreach team will be responsible for data collection and reporting.
- In addition to quarterly reporting, HSD is developing an evaluation plan to assess the impact of the MDT. This effort is under development. HSD expects to provide more information in the second quarter report.

# First Quarter Results

## City Center Initiative Quarterly Report January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2014

<b># of Unduplicated Clients Contacted Through Outreach</b>	<b>67</b>
<b># Engaged In Ongoing Case Management</b>	<b>17</b>
<b># Referred To Support Services</b>	<b>18</b>
<b># Receiving Mental Health or Chemical Dependency Treatment</b>	<b>5</b>
<b># Referred To Shelter or Emergency Shelter</b>	<b>32</b>
<b># Moved Into Transitional or Permanent Housing</b>	<b>0</b>
<b># Assisted In Relocating To Point of Origin</b>	<b>7</b>



# Questions and Comments

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