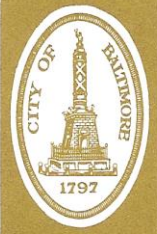


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TO The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council c/o
 Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

As the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the City, my team and I work to ensure there is a coordinated and collaborative approach to City agency operations and services.

Baltimore City's comprehensive response to the opioid crisis has largely been spearheaded by the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD). The agency has coordinated two stakeholder committees, led efforts to safeguard City residents through standing orders on naloxone, engage in public awareness and public outreach campaigns, and launching innovative programs to expand access to treatment. BCHD's efforts are supported and complimented by the Baltimore City Fire Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management among others. The partnerships and programs you will learn about at this hearing have been developed under their work and guidance.

Accordingly, the CAO's office defers to the report from the Baltimore City Health Department and supports the responses from the referred partnership agencies.