



Memorandum

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

From: Dan Hymowitz, Director, Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation (and Director of CitiStat)

Date: November 12, 2021

Re: COUNCIL BILL 21-0071R- Investigative Hearing – Developing a Coordinated Response to Baltimore City's Overdose Crisis

The Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation (OPI) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0071R. We understand that this bill asks several City government agencies to appear before the City Council to discuss the City's response to overdoses in Baltimore and potential areas for additional action.

One of OPI's core functions is to serve as a performance management unit – using data to support improved delivery of services for residents, particularly for Mayoral priorities. OPI facilitates regular data review and analysis meetings ("Stat" meetings) where analysts work with the relevant city government agencies to analyze agencies' performance on key metrics with the aim of supporting improved delivery of government services.

OPI is continuing to develop new "Stat" focus areas in collaboration with Mayor Scott and City Administrator Shorter building on some of the issues that are already being focused on through "PoliceStat", "CleanStat", and "YouthStat". Currently, OPI is not operating a Stat meeting related to the issues referred to in this bill.

Due to the nature and scope of the resolution, OPI defers to the responses of the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD).

OPI is glad to provide any additional information that would be helpful in this matter.