



WORK SESSION NOTES

Resolution: 21-0003R

Informational Hearing - Baltimore's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: November 10, 2021

Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM

Time (Ending): 10:40 AM

Location: Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 35 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray Mark Conway

Ryan Dorsey James Torrence

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:			
Seconded by:.....			
Final Vote:			

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Dr. Letitia Dzirasa, Commissioner of Health

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the work session to order.
2. Dr. Dzirasa provided an update on the City's COVID-19 vaccination progress and the Health Department's continuing efforts to vaccinate residents (presentation in file).

3. Committee members asked the following questions:
 - a. Is there high demand for vaccination appointments for children aged 5 to 11? Yes, there has been an early rush and limited supply. The vaccinations given represent all that were available.
 - b. Could we expand the Convention Center hours beyond 8 AM to noon? The Convention Center is a State facility and may expand its hours, but that is not in the Health Department's control. The Health Department run facilities have variable hours around the City, with a focus on Friday and Saturday hours.
 - c. How effective are boosters at protecting people from infection and severe symptoms? Data shows that vaccine effectiveness decreases over time and boosters get it back to ~90 percent effectiveness.
 - d. How is the Health Department working with schools to get children between 5 and 11 vaccinated? The Health Department meets with City Schools leadership regularly, works with schools to identify the best sites to provide vaccines, and partners with schools to share information with parents.
 - e. How is the Health Department addressing hesitancy among parents to get their kids vaccinated? The Health Department shares information directly with parents and works with pediatricians and other parents as trusted ambassadors.
 - f. How is the Health Department countering disinformation? The Health Department responds to disinformation on social media quickly to counter its spread and influence. It also makes information available in communities through town halls and focus groups.
4. Chairwoman McCray explained that the Committee will likely meet again on the resolution in the coming months and recessed the work session.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes **No**

If yes, describe.

The Committee will meet again in the coming months to keep the community informed about vaccination efforts and progress in the City.

Committee Vote:

D. McCray:

J. Bullock:

M. Conway:

R. Dorsey:

P. Porter:

J. Torrence:

I. Schleifer:

Matthew Peters

Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: November 12, 2021

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