



**WORK SESSION NOTES**

**Resolution: 21-0039R**

**Violence Against Women - An Overlooked Public Health Crisis**

**Committee:** Health, Environment, and Technology

**Chaired by:** Danielle McCray

**Hearing Date:** December 15, 2021

**Time (Beginning):** 10:05 AM

**Time (Ending):** 11:45 PM

**Location:** Webex Virtual Hearing

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 40 people

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Danielle McCray      John Bullock      Mark Conway      Ryan Dorsey  
Phylicia Porter      James Torrence      Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer

**Bill Synopsis in the file?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Attendance sheet in the file?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Agency reports read?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?**.....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?**.....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Evidence of notification to property owners?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Final vote taken at this hearing?** .....  **YES**     **NO**     **N/A**

**Motioned by:** .....

**Seconded by:**.....

**Final Vote:** .....

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

- Michelle Wirzberger, Police Department
- Col. Richard Worley, Police Department
- Kelleigh Eastman, Department of Health
- Nick Wilson, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
- Alexandra Smith, Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success
- Yousuf Ahmad, Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office
- Michele Lambert, Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairwoman McCray called the work session to order and explained the goals of the meeting.
2. Col. Worley reviewed crime statistics for 2021 to date and discussed the impacts of domestic violence cases.
3. Kelleigh Eastman summarized the Health Department’s role in preventing and addressing domestic violence.
4. Nick Wilson discussed the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement’s work and progress since the hearing in June. The office is developing a Domestic Violence (DV) Stat program and has received grant funds to support partnerships and programs between agencies.
5. Michele Lambert explained the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office’s approach to domestic violence cases, including not dropping charges at the victim’s request, compelling testimony when needed, and providing resources and support to victims (relocation, counseling, etc.).
6. Representatives for other agencies had no updates but were available to answer questions.
7. Agency representatives responded to Committee member questions.
8. Chairwoman McCray explained that the Committee will hold additional meetings on the resolution in the future and recessed the hearing.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**     **No**

**If yes, describe.**

The Committee will hold additional meetings on this resolution in the future. The Committee also requested the following additional information from the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success:

1. Information on the Office’s collaboration with City Schools to support youth exposed to domestic violence.
2. Information on training for Community Action Partnership (CAP) Center staff to recognize signs of domestic violence and educational materials on domestic violence available to the community at CAP Centers.

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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray: .....  
J. Bullock: .....  
M. Conway: .....  
R. Dorsey: .....  
P. Porter: .....  
J. Torrence: .....  
I. Schleifer: .....

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*Matthew Peters*

Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: December 17, 2021

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