

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: June 16, 2021

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 10:45 AM

Location: Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 55 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray John Bullock

Mark Conway 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.)

Commissioner Letitia Dzirasa, MD, Department of Health

Dr. Kendra McDow, Department 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. Has there been an increase in vaccination rates for black men since the Committee hearing in January? The Health Department has continued focused listening sessions and outreach, but the disparity remains.
 - b. How close is the City to its goal of 80 percent vaccination by February 2022 and what is the Health Department doing to reach that goal? Vaccination rates have been slowing. The Health Department is shifting to focus more on mobile response teams and outreach to engage with people in communities.
 - c. What can we expect for younger children when they become eligible for the vaccines? Vaccine makers are currently seeking authorization for children 12 and under. Younger children are more influenced by their parents, so outreach will be more family focused.
 - d. What information is available for parents of young children? Children tend to not become as sick as adults from COVID-19, but it is important to understand that it is still a risk. Parents of unvaccinated children should continue to be cautious and follow CDC recommendations.
 - e. What is the City doing to reach the homeless population? The City prioritized individuals experiencing homelessness early in the vaccination process. It held numerous clinics in shelters and vaccinates individuals in encampments. Community partners have also been administering vaccines to individuals experiencing homelessness.
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?

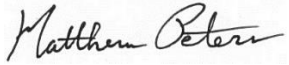
Yes **No**

If yes, describe.

The Committee will likely 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 L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: June 17, 2021

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