



HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO25-0023

Understanding Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRPs) in Baltimore City

Committee: Public Health and Environment
Chaired by: Councilwoman Phylicia Porter

Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM
Time (Ending): 10:45 AM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 20 In-Person
Approximately 05 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Phylicia Porter Ryan Dorsey

Mark Parker – excused absence
Odette Ramos – excused absence

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
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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

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- o Adrienne Breinenstein – Behavioral Health System Baltimore

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Porter gave opening remarks; commenting on House Bill - **HB 10-63 – Community-Based Behavioral Health Programs and Services**, which is currently in draft form on the State level.
 2. The representative from the Behavioral Health System Baltimore gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **A copy is on file.** She also talked about **HB 10-63** and believes stronger language is needed in the regulations and gave some comments regarding House Bill – **HB448 – Certified Recovery Homes – Unannounced Inspections**, both bills are currently before the Maryland General Assembly – 2026 Session.
 3. Chairwoman Porter asked questions, gave comments and etc. Some were:
 - Comment: Making sure communities receive quality care – importance thereof
 - COMAR HB 10-63 – Systems Accountability
 - Can you talk about these drivers and some of the main drivers for the city?
 - Are there any timelines for execution of same?
 - How are you interacting with the Providers? Talk about this!
 - How are you checking for compliance?
 - Based on the number of complaints received, we must keep trying to get stronger language added to HB 10-63; more enforcement opportunity; it was disappointing that more were not in the draft!
 - How are we incorporating our “hospital institutions” into our measure of success?
 - Technical Assistance
 - Comments:
 - Regarding having a social media tool kit and using the City Council as a conduit and/or leverage to getting information out to the community
 - Tele-help Restrictions: New/Included in COMAR 10-63 for PRPs
 - Talk about this
 - How will these restrictions be monitored?
 - Are you interested in having monthly data available? Available data would be good for those problem Providers! Those who we receive complaints about often!
 5. Committee request by Chairwoman Porter: Please provide:
 - Are there any specific state requirements for PRPs for follow-up wrap around services and/or post patience treatment such as job placement, vocational training, childcare and housing?
 - What are the specific requirements that the PRPs have to complete/do?
 - How do they document the outcomes within their operation(s)?
 - Specifically: “Measures of Success”
 - Getting the full scope of recovery!
 6. Chairwoman Porter gave a “shout out” to the Health Department for providing the list of city-owned buildings with Naloxone available.
 7. Hearing recessed.
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Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

1. See highlighted "red and yellow" above.

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: February 12, 2026

City of Baltimore

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Health & Environment Committee

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

10:00 AM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 2 - Phylicia Porter, and Ryan Dorsey
Excused 2 - Mark Parker, and Odette Ramos
Absent 3 - Mark Conway, James Torrence, and John Bullock

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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City

For the purpose of examining the accessibility, effectiveness, and regulatory oversight of PRP services, ensuring they align with community needs and best practices in mental and behavioral health care. The discussion will focus on improving coordination, accountability, and equitable service delivery.

Hearing was recessed.

ADJOURNMENT