



WORK SESSION NOTES

Resolution: 21-0071R

Investigative Hearing - Developing a Coordinated Response to Baltimore City's Overdose Crisis

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: January 25, 2023

Time (Beginning): 11:45 AM

Time (Ending): 12:50 PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 55 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input 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.)

Faith Leach, Deputy Mayor of Equity, Health, and Human Services
Brittney Spencer, Health Department
Stacey Jefferson, Behavioral Health System Baltimore
James Matz, Fire Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the work session to order, discussed the impacts of the opioid epidemic in Baltimore, and explained the goals for the meeting.
2. Faith Leach discussed the administration's efforts to prevent and respond to the opioid overdose crisis.
3. Health Department and Behavioral Health System Baltimore representatives presented on efforts to prevent overdose and provide treatment for addiction (presentations in file). Representatives for other agencies confirmed the information and recommendations in the written reports.
4. Agency representatives responded to committee member questions.
5. Chairwoman McCray explained that the committee will hold additional meetings on the resolution in the future and recessed the hearing.

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 information from the agencies:

1. An assessment of whether the reduction in overdose fatalities shown on the Maryland Overdose Data Dashboard is accurate, and, if the data is accurate, what factors have led to the reduction.
2. The number of City employees trained to administer Narcan.
3. The availability of Narcan in City owned and operated buildings.
4. Whether BHSB has seen an increase in calls for substance use crisis since the roll out of the 988 Lifeline.



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: January 26, 2023

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