

HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 21-0082R

Investigative Hearing - What is the State of Stat?

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: March 16, 2022

Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM

Time (Ending): 11:40 AM

Location: Webex Virtual Hearing

Total Attendance: Approximately 85 people

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

- Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Agency reports read? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] YES [] NO [X] N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] YES [] NO [] N/A
Motioned by: Conway
Seconded by: Torrence
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Christopher Shorter, City Administrator
Dan Hymowitz, Office of Performance and Innovation
Justin Elszasz, Chief Data Officer
Liam Davis, Department of Transportation
Kimberly Rubens, Department of Housing and Community Development
Frank Forka, Department of General Services
Graham Campbell, Police Department

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and explained how the hearing would proceed.
2. Councilman Conway discussed the history of CitiStat and its role in improving the performance of Baltimore City government.
3. Agency representatives confirmed the recommendations and comments in the written reports.
4. City Administrator Shorter, Dan Hymowitz, Justin Elszasz, and agency representatives presented on CitiStat and Stat programs within City agencies (presentation in file).
5. Agency representatives responded to Councilmember questions:
 - a. What is the timeline for beginning Intimate Partner Violence Stat (IPV-Stat) and the other planned Stats? The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement is developing IPV-Stat and will send its expected timeline. NeighborhoodStat will begin this summer. Public Wi-FiStat will begin when the new public Wi-Fi locations are activated—probably this summer.
 - b. Is CitiStat currently using a more decentralized approach than in the past? The Mayor's Office is using CitiStat to analyze top priority issues but is also encouraging City agencies to use their own data collection and analysis more broadly.
 - c. How many staff are working on CitiStat and what are their roles? CitiStat staffing includes the Director of the Office of Performance and Innovation, Deputy Director, and three Data Analysts. The Office is also currently hiring for a grant funded position to support YouthStat.
 - d. How are the agencies using Stats to address cross-agency issues? Most Stats bring together multiple agencies to look at services and performance.
 - e. How often are the current CitiStat meetings occurring? PoliceStat and CleanStat meet every other week. PayStat and YouthStat meet monthly.
 - f. What are some of CitiStat's recent successes? CitiStat has been working with agencies on analyses beyond data measurement, such as inspections to ensure that work is done correctly. This resulted in improved quality of work for grass cutting and other property maintenance during the last growing season. CitiStat has also been working with the Police Department on understanding overtime usage and how to reduce overtime.
 - g. What is CitiStat doing regarding guns and repeat offenders? The PoliceStat meetings include looking at gun-related data and there may be opportunities for a gun violence focused Stat.
 - h. Does the City include terms in contracts related to ownership of and access to data collected or generated by contractors? The City has been working on this issue but still needs to incorporate it into the procurement process and develop a process to consistently get data in a useable form.
6. The Committee voted to recommend the resolution favorably.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

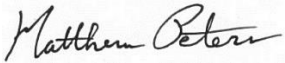
Yes No

If yes, describe.

The Committee requested information on the expected timeline for developing Intimate Partner Violence Stat.

Committee Vote:

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



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: March 18, 2022

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