



Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration
Building
1301 McCormick Dr
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Meeting Minutes - Draft Sitting as the Board of Health

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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6:00 P.M. - CONVENE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Thomas E. Dernoga at 6:22 p.m. with 7 members present at roll call. Council Member Ivey arrived at 6:30 p.m. (Council Member Oriadha participated remotely and on camera).

Present: 7 - Chair Thomas Dernoga
Vice Chair Wala Blegay
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Ingrid Watson

Absent: Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Sydney Harrison

Remote: 1 - Council Member Krystal Oriadha

Also present:

*Colette Gresham, Acting Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
James Walker-Bey, Zoning Assistant
Edgar L. Reese, Legislative Reference Aide
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Officer*

TOWN HALL MEETING - MENTAL HEALTH TOWN HALL

I. Opening remarks from Council Vice Chair, Wala Blegay, and Board of Health Consultant, Dr. Lakisa Blocker

Vice Chair Wala Blegay provided opening remarks and Council Member Olson gave brief comments. Vice Chair Blegay introduced Prince George's County Sheriff John D.B. Carr along with Captain Christine Wiseman who gave remarks before the Council regarding behavioral and mental health resources within Prince George's County Law Enforcement.

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II. PRESENTATION “THE STATE OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY”

Dr. Matthew D. Levy, Prince George’s County Health Officer

Attachment(s): [PGC Health Department Presentation 11-07-2023 BOH TownHall](#)

Dr. Matthew D. Levy, Prince George’s County Health Officer, provided a presentation titled, "The State of Behavioral Health In Prince George's County". The presentation highlighted the following: Objectives; Is There A Difference Between The Terms Mental Health and Behavioral Health; Community Needs Assessment 2022; Prince George's County Local Behavioral Health Authority; How Does The LBHA Support Prince George's County Residents; How Does The LBHA Support County Residents; Statistics - Behavioral Health Providers; Behavioral Health Residential, Inpatient and Crisis Bed Providers; MH and SUD Residential Beds: Two Year Trend; Local Behavioral Health Authority - Management of Grant-Funded County Behavioral Health Services; HSCRC Regional Catalyst Grantees; HSCRC Grant Components; National Best Practice Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care; Crisis Continuum Making A Difference; Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum Data; Percentage of Crisis Calls by Age; Types of Behavioral Health Crisis Calls; Behavioral Health Crisis By City; FY23 Accomplishment; and Behavioral Health Youth Initiatives. Dr. Levy responded to questions from Council Members.

This Briefing was held.

III. Remarks from Delegates Jamila Woods, Tiffany Alston, and Ashanti F. Martinez

Vice Chair Blegay introduced Maryland State Delegate, Heather Bagnall, District 33, Chair, Public Health, Minority Health Disparities Subcommittee, provided comments and introduced State Delegate Ashanti F. Martinez, District 22, Delegate Jamila Woods, District 26, and Delegate Tiffany Alston, District 24, who provided an overview of state resources and policies related to mental health.

IV. Comments from the public

Latisha Evans, Randy Atcherson, Bernard Holloway, Danielle Leclair, Rhonda Wood, Corey Smith, Jordan Scott, JB Moore, Carelta Lundy, Dr. Michaele C. Samuel, Monica Ayers, Chandrai Jackson-Saunders, Patricia Eubanks, Melinda Williams-Gray, Ogo Ekwueme, Tomeka Bumbry, Delores Johnson-Cooper, Margaret Bryant Rashid, Joanne Oport, Marilyn Wyche, Lena Stepp, Tyreese McAllister, Dr. Rhonda Porter, David Nash, Sharon K. Dailey, Rachel Doyle, Eshe Montogogue, Margaut Fowler, Bill Barnes, Lauren Jones, Dwayne Brown, Arlene Weaver and Paulette King spoke before the Council regarding mental health interests.

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Aye 8 - Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Ivey, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent Fisher, Franklin and Harrison