

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2020 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-127-2020

Proposed by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Harrison and Taveras

Introduced by Council Members Glaros, Turner, Davis, Hawkins, Harrison, Taveras, Ivey,  
Anderson-Walker, Streeter and Franklin

Date of Introduction November 17, 2020

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Prince George's County Health in All Policies

3 For the purpose of establishing an approach that recognizes that many health factors are outside  
4 of clinical settings and require communities to take a hard look at their investment choices for  
5 health.

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council sitting as the Board of Health, believes in  
7 Health in All Policies as a collaborative approach that integrates and articulates health  
8 considerations into policymaking across all sectors to improve the health of all communities and  
9 people; and

10 WHEREAS, Health in All Policies is an approach that recognizes that 80 percent of health  
11 is determined outside of the clinical setting; namely through behavioral and environmental  
12 factors; and

13 WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council commissioned RAND to build on the  
14 2009 RAND report and other County reports to review health issues in the County through a  
15 cross-sector holistic lens; and

16 WHEREAS, RAND is a nonprofit institution that helps improve decision-making through  
17 research and analysis. In partnership with the Board of Health, RAND completed a health needs  
18 assessment for Prince George's County focusing on health and healthcare-related issues and the  
19 full extent of human services that influence health outcomes; and

20 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2020, the Prince George's County Council sitting as the  
21 Board of Health, received a detailed briefing on the [RAND Corporation report "Assessing Health  
22 and Human Services Needs to Support an Integrated Health in All Policies Plan for Prince](#)

1 George's County, Maryland,” a comprehensive study commissioned by the Council as it  
2 considers future policy and funding decisions related to the health and wellbeing of residents and  
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The RAND study reflects the Health in All Policies approach embraced by  
5 the Board of Health, examining more closely what effect such factors as education, the economy,  
6 transportation, environment, social service delivery and even chronic stress have on the health  
7 and wellbeing of Prince George’s County residents and communities, in an initiative to achieve  
8 more positive health outcomes; and

9 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council intends to move forward with some of  
10 the initial recommendations of the RAND report and to begin to create a Health in All Policies  
11 system.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland, that the Office of Management and Budget shall work with all County  
14 agencies during the budget process to provide the Prince George’s County Council with  
15 information on health services provided by the agencies that impact the health and wellness of  
16 County residents. Metrics on health-related services and activities shall include outcomes,  
17 staffing, costs, and if services are grant-dependent. The Office of Management and Budget shall  
18 provide this information to the County Council during the budget process on an annual basis.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Prince George’s County Council that, where  
20 appropriate, all nongovernmental organizations receiving County funding shall identify their role  
21 in promoting health and well-being and reducing inequities during the application process  
22 beginning on July 1, 2021. Information collected by nongovernmental agencies will be sent to  
23 the Office of Audits and Investigations by December of each year to compile and report back to  
24 the County government and public.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the  
26 Board of Health, shall 1) arrange for and participate in structured training to develop a common  
27 knowledge base and framework for addressing health through an equity lens and obtaining  
28 information on nationally recognized best practices, 2) work to establish health priority areas that  
29 are specific to populations and geographic areas experiencing significant health disparities, 3)  
30 establish realistic measurable goals to eliminate disparities, and 4) work and coordinate with  
31 Federal, State, Bi-County government partners, the Prince George’s County Public Schools

1 System and non-profit organizations to address health equity and disparity issues in Prince  
2 George’s County, including but not limited to policy and funding support.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Prince George’s County Council that moving  
4 forward in addition to other goals established, the County Council sitting as the Board of Health  
5 will work on efforts with additional partners to 1) develop a primary health care system with  
6 capacity to service uninsured, Medicaid and culturally diverse populations, 2) reduce  
7 fragmentation across the health care system between primary, behavioral, specialty and hospital-  
8 based care, 3) address the health and behavioral health needs of school children and their  
9 families within the schools and surrounding communities, 4) integrate health, social services and  
10 public safety to create efficiency in overlapping and interdependent areas, and 5) identify gaps in  
11 areas such as housing, economic development and the environment that impact the daily health  
12 and well-being of residents.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Prince George’s County Council that based on  
14 current County Executive lead examinations of the needs in Health and Human Services, the  
15 County Executive, in coordination with appropriate agencies, is requested to create and share  
16 with the County Council the recommendations for an integrated Health in All Policies Plan for  
17 Prince George’s County by May 1, 2021, as well as the human and financial resources required  
18 to support these priorities.

Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council