



# Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration  
Building  
1301 McCormick Dr  
Largo, MD 20774

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Sitting as the Board of Health

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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

1:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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### 1:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

*The meeting was convened by Chair Edward P. Burroughs, III, at 1:23 p.m. with seven members present at roll call. Council Members Fisher and Adams-Stafford arrived at 1:25 p.m. Council Member Watson arrived at 1:26 p.m.*

**Present:** 10 - Council Member Sydney Harrison  
Council Member Wala Blegay  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Ingrid Watson  
Vice Chair Krystal Oriadha  
Chair Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford

**Absent:** Council Member Jolene Ivey

### *Also present:*

*Colette Gresham, Acting Council Administrator  
Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator  
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council  
Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide  
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney  
Dr. Matthew Levy, Health Officer, Department of Health*

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*Dr. Diane Young, Associate Director, Department of Health.*

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

*Council Chair Burroughs acknowledged Council Member Blegay for a point of personal privilege. Council Member Blegay recognized Jeffrey Cooper, Dr. Ogo Ekwueme of Career Haven, and Daffodil Baez, President of Adventist Healthcare Fort Washington, as community speakers who addressed the Board of Health.*

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### **STATE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE PLIGHT OF STDS AND STIS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Dr. DeMarc Hickson, Executive Director, Us Helping Us

**Attachment(s):** [The State of the County - Board of Health Presentation](#)

*The briefing convened at 1:34 p.m. Council Member Blegay introduced Dr. DeMarc Hickson, Executive Director, Us Helping Us, who facilitated a Powerpoint Presentation titled, "Us Helping Us: The Beginning". The presentation highlighted the following: A Historical Perspective: The Coming of a Community-Based Leader in Sexual Health; HIV in the DMV; Let's Talk About Sex; Why Don't We Talk About Sex; What Do The Data Say; What are our Goal Posts; HIV Care Continuum; Treatment as Prevention; What About Other STIs Chlamydia; What About Other STIs Gonorrhea; What About Other STIs Syphilis; Healthcare Access is a Barrier; Where Dem Money At; Us Helping Us: The DENIM Collection; Us Helping Us: Here for the County; Recommendations; and Learn More About Us Helping Us. Dr. Hickson along with Dr. Matthew Levy, Health Officer, Health Department and Dr. Diane Young, Associate Director, Health Department, responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 2:06 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

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**IMPACT OF PROPOSED CUTS TO MEDICAID**

Dr. Ryan Moran, Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing and Medicaid  
Director, Maryland Department of Health

**Attachment(s):** [PCG Medicaid Cuts Overview Presentation](#)

*The briefing convened at 2:06 p.m. Council Member Blegay introduced Dr. Ryan Moran, Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director, Maryland Department of Health, who facilitated a Powerpoint Presentation titled, "How Federal Changes to Medicaid Will Impact Health Care in Maryland". The presentation highlighted the following: Maryland Medicaid by the Numbers; Potential Federal Changes Proposed; Potential Federal Changes Discussed, Not Included; and Medicaid Myths. Dr. Moran responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 2:37 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

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**OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED FEDERAL HEALTHCARE CUTS**

Tony McCann, Lecturer, University of Maryland

**Attachment(s):** [Impact on Local Public Health Presentation](#)

*The briefing convened at 2:38 p.m. Council Member Blegay introduced Tony McCann, Lecturer, University of Maryland, who facilitated a Powerpoint Presentation titled, "Impact of the Current Budget Proposals on Local Public Health". The presentation highlighted the following: Background; The Deficit Challenge; Program Funding; Program Reductions / Reorganizations; Programs Funded Near Prior Year Levels; Criteria for Proposed Changes; Program Terminations; Program Reductions; Affordable Care Act Marketplace (MHBE); and Conclusions. Mr. McCann responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 2:49 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

