



# Prince George's County Council

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Building  
1301 McCormick Dr  
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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Sitting as the Board of Health

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Monday, May 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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

*The meeting was convened by Chair Edward P. Burroughs, III at 6:20 p.m. with six members present at roll call. Chair Burroughs announced that Council Members Dernoga, Harrison and Ivey had excused absences. (Vacant - At-Large (effective: 06/15/2024))*

**Present:** 6 - Council Member Wala Blegay  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Ingrid Watson  
Vice Chair Krystal Oriadha  
Chair Edward Burroughs

**Excused:** 3 - Council Member Sydney Harrison  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Jolene Ivey

**Absent:** Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

*Also present:*

*Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council*

*Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council*

*James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council*

*Anya Makarova, Senior Advisor to the Board of Health*

**TOWN HALL MEETING - MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH****I. Opening remarks from Council Member Wala Blegay and Health Officer, Dr. Matthew Levy**

*Council Chair Edward P. Burroughs III provided introductions and recognized Council Member Wala Blegay, Esq. who also provided introductory remarks.*

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**II. PRESENTATION**

Erica Turner, LCPCS Special Assistant to the DCAO for Health, Human Services and Education

Aisha Braveboy, State's Attorney

Keith R. Sydnor, Mayor, City of Laurel

**Attachment(s):** [Behavioral Health Town Hall Presentation](#)

*Council Member Blegay introduced Aisha Braveboy, Esq., State's Attorney, and Erica Turner, LCPCS Special Assistant to the DCAO for Health, Human Services and Education, who, along with Dr. Matthew Levy, Health Officer, Health Department, Jacqueline Somerville, Psy.D., LCPC, Health Department, Chauka Reid, State's Attorney's Office, Margaret Fowler, Executive Director, Totally Linking Care MD and Keith Sydnor, Mayor, City of Laurel, presented a Powerpoint presentation titled "Behavioral Health Care Investment and Collaboration Among Agencies, Partners and Leaders". The presentation highlighted the following: Definitions, Concepts, Data & Strategy; Key Definitions; Behavioral Health Symptoms & Appropriate Supports; Behavioral Health Data; Public Behavioral Health Strategy; Office of the Health Officer; Public Behavioral Health Services by Program Type; Behavioral Health Residential, Inpatient, and Crisis Providers; Behavioral Health Collective Impact Providers; Local Behavioral Health Authority; Behavioral Health Programs & Services; Prince George's County Health Department Behavioral Health Division; Continuum of Care for Substance Use Disorders; Linkage to Care for Children, Youth, and Families; Linkage to Care for Adults; Community Engagement and Cross-Sector Collaboration; Behavioral Health Crisis Continuum; Crisis Call Center - Someone to Call; Behavioral Health Diversion; 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response Teams - Someone to Come; The Dyer Care Center - Somewhere to Go; Making a Difference;*

*Behavioral Health Regional Catalyst Grant; Collaborative to End Family Violence; Municipal Mobile Crisis Response Team Sites; and New Developments and Takeaways. The panel guests along with Ms. Anya Makarova, Senior Advisor to the Board of Health, responded to questions.*

**This Briefing was held.**

### III. Comments or Questions from the public

*Joan Oport Raviel, Danielle LeClair and Dr. Ellis spoke before the Council regarding mental health interests. Imani Booker Lewis provided answers to questions regarding mental health. Delegate Kim Taylor also provided comments.*

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### **ADJOURN**

*THIS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

**Aye**                      6 -    Blegay, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Oriadha and Burroughs

**Absent**                      Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins and Ivey