

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING
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**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON

“THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH”

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

REMOTE HEARING VIA WEBEX

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Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a Public Oversight Hearing on "The Department of Behavioral Health." The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., via Webex.

This public oversight hearing will serve as a follow-up to the Department of Behavioral Health's (DBH) FY19-20 Performance Oversight hearing and will examine all oversight issues associated with the agency, including, but not limited to: grant spending; DBH's progress towards achieving budget efficiencies proposed in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget; a progress report on Live.Long.DC; school-based mental health services; strategies to reduce opioid overdose fatalities; community support and emergency psychiatric services; water infrastructure at St. Elizabeths Hospital; the release and monitoring of St. Elizabeths Hospital outpatients; and DBH's COVID-19 response, including how the District is addressing the mental and emotional dimensions of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Persons wishing to provide oral testimony should contact Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health by e-mail at mcameron@dccouncil.us or by phone at (202) 341-4425 before 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. When sending an e-mail or leaving a voicemail, please provide Mr. Cameron with the following information:

- Your first and last name;
- The name of the organization you are representing (if any);
- Your title with the organization;
- Your e-mail address;
- Your phone number; and
- The specific bill/s you will be testifying about.

Mr. Cameron will e-mail a confirmation of your attendance with an agenda, witness list, and attached instructions for accessing the Webex video conference hearing by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2020. Oral testimony will be strictly limited to three minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to testify. Due to technological limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic, only the first nine hours of the hearing

will be broadcasted, however, the Webex hearing will continue until all witnesses who have signed up have had an opportunity to testify.

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five (5) business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Persons wishing to provide written testimony should e-mail their written testimony to Malcolm Cameron, Legislative Analyst of the Committee on Health at mcameron@dccouncil.us before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2020. Any testimony provided after this time will not be made part of the hearing record. Please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. The Committee also welcomes e-mails commenting on the proposed legislation, however, this correspondence is not included in the official Committee report if it is not labeled as testimony.