

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

PUBLIC HEARING

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTINA HENDERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING**

ON

Department of Behavioral Health

ON

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 2:00 P.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast

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Public Witnesses

1. Justin Palmer, Vice President of Public Policy & External Affairs, District of Columbia Hospital Association
2. Brenda Richardson, Coordinator, Anacostia Parks & Community Collaborative
3. Jaclyn Verner, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services
4. Mark Miller, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Office of the DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman
5. Eric Scharf, DC Advocacy Chair, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, National Capitol Area Chapter
6. Rachel Johnston, Senior Director of Operations and School Support, DC Charter School Alliance

7. Jennifer Ubiera, Senior Policy Counsel, Council for Court Excellence
8. Sharra Greer, Policy Director Children's Law Center
9. Amber Rieke, Project Lead, Children's Law Center
10. Qubilah Huddleston, Senior Policy Analyst, DC Fiscal Policy Institute
11. Mark LeVota, Executive Director, DC Behavioral Health Association
12. Anya Krieder, Open Horizon Criminal Justice Fellow, Council for Court Excellence
13. Sarah Barclay Hoffman, Program Manager of Community Mental Health COR, Children's National Hospital
14. Kerry Savage, Director of Policy and Advocacy, PAVE
15. Shaniola Arowolaju, PAVE
16. Sherri Newsome, PAVE
17. Sharnetta Boone-Ruffin, PAVE
18. LaKisha Myrick, PAVE
19. Simone Scott, PAVE
20. Gail Avent, Total Family Care Coalition
21. Melissa Wade, Managing Director of Mental Health, KIPP DC
22. Melissa Millar, Consultant, Coalition for Nonprofit Equity
23. Rachel White, Senior Youth Policy Analyst, DC Action
24. Chris Charles, Director of Prevention Center 1 & 2, Latin American Youth Center
25. Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis, ANC Commissioner 3A01
26. Karla Reid-Witt, Co-founder, Decoding Dyslexia DC
27. Mestawet Dejene, Playsafe Play House Child Development Home
28. Sue Breitkopf, Chief Development Officer, Woodley House
29. Aniyah Thomas, Young Justice Advocate

30. Betty Gentle, SOME, Inc.
31. Marie Morilus-Black, CEO - MBI Health Services, LLC
32. Queen Adesuyi, Senior National Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance
33. Tamika Spellman, Policy and Community Engagement Manager, HIPS
34. ReaganDunham, Health Equity Manager, Washington AIDS Partnership
35. LJ Sislen, Campaign Organizer, DecrimPovertyDC
36. Chioma Oruh, Public Witness
37. Dale Klatzker, President and CEO, Gaudenzia/RAP
38. Peter Wood, ANC 1C03
39. Sharif Shafi, Director, Shafi'Care Inc.
40. Amanda Morgan, Trauma Response Division Manager, CASA for Children of DC
41. Bria Mathis, ChAMPS Sr. Program Manager, Catholic Charites
42. Christy Respress, Executive Director, Pathways to Housing DC
43. Sandra Seegars, Convener, CRAV (Concerned Residents Against Violence)
44. Johnny Howard, D.C. Forensic Peer Specialty, D.C. Forensic Peer Specialty
45. Marisa Parrella, Director of School Based Fellowship Program, Mary's Center
46. Ambrose Lane Jr, Chair, Health Alliance Network
47. Hugo Mogollon, Executive Director, FRESHFARM Markets, Inc.
48. Sal Selvaggio, Chair, Iona Citizen Advisory Group
49. Nadia Gold-Moritz, Executive Director, Young Women's Project
50. Sophia Posner-Brown, Student Advocate, Young Women's Project
51. Juliana Lopez, Student Advocate, Young Women's Project: Youth Justice Campaign
52. Imara Tran, BASIS DC Student, Young Women's Project

53. Marianela Rivas, Benjamin Banneker High School Student, Young Women's Project
54. Asher Thornton, School Without Walls Student, Young Women's Project
55. Silas Alemayehu, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
56. Julissa Canales, Young Women Project
57. Sara Scherlinder, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
58. London Haynie, Youth Advocacy, Young Women's Project
59. Arayah Shelton, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
60. Jahlonnie Easton, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
61. Mone Goodwin, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
62. Janiya A. Drayton, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
63. Nyla Moore, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
64. Leah Mallard, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
65. Aniyah Thomas, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project
66. Amanda Menjivar, Youth Advocate, Young Women's Project