

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

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

ON

The Oversight, Capacity, and Quality of In-Patient Psychiatric
Facilities and the Continuum of Behavioral Health Care in the District of Columbia

ON

Monday October 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid in Room 500 and Virtual via Zoom

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Councilmember Christina Henderson, Chair of the Committee on Health, announces a public oversight roundtable on **The Oversight, Capacity, and Quality of In-Patient Psychiatric Facilities and the Continuum of Behavioral Health Care in the District of Columbia**. The roundtable will be held on Monday October 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m., hybrid in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, and Virtual via Zoom.

This roundtable will focus on the role of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and DC Health in monitoring these facilities, assessing the effectiveness of their regulatory and contractual frameworks, and identifying any gaps in oversight that may impact the quality of care. Key issues under discussion will include the capacity of psychiatric facilities and provider networks to serve children, youth, and adults, with an emphasis on how well these facilities meet the behavioral health needs of diverse populations. The roundtable will further assess the overall continuum of care for behavioral health services in the District. In particular, the committee will investigate how the absence of a comprehensive, well-integrated system may contribute to poor outcomes, including higher hospitalization rates, increased emergency room visits, and inadequate long-term care solutions for residents.

The roundtable will also explore the availability and coordination of outpatient services, crisis intervention, and other essential support systems. By focusing on these issues, the committee seeks to highlight areas where the District's behavioral health infrastructure can be strengthened,

with the goal of ensuring that residents receive high-quality, timely care that addresses the full spectrum of mental health needs.

The Committee will hear from invited guest only. The Committee will accept written testimony from the public which should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System at <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/hearings>. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. The record will close at 5:00pm on Monday, November 11, 2024.