

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING  
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**REVISED**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON  
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON**

**“THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH”**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019; 5:30 P.M.  
PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH  
3000 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, SE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

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 Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, located at 3000 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20020. **This hearing notice has been revised to reflect a change in the hearing date, from October 23, 2019 to November 20, 2019, as well as an additional topic of discussion.**

This public oversight hearing will examine all oversight issues associated with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), including, but not limited to: behavioral health issues that impact residents in Wards 7 and 8; State Opioid Response (SOR) grant and District Opioid Targeted Strategy (DOTS) grant spending and results; progress report on Live.Long.DC; expansion of school-based mental health services; behavioral health engagement on Minnesota Avenue, NE; allegations of patient abuse at St. Elizabeths Hospital; and the monitoring of the release of Hilman Jordan. The hearing will also examine the recent issue of water contamination at St. Elizabeths Hospital, and the agency’s short- and long-term response.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Committee Legislative Analyst at (202) 654-6179 or [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us), and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, preferably by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2019. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing.

The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to [mcameron@dccouncil.us](mailto:mcameron@dccouncil.us) or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.