

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

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON

“THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH”

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, October 23, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, located at 3000 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20020.

This public oversight hearing will examine all oversight issues associated with the Department of Behavioral Health, 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 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, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, preferably by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 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 or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.