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FY24 Q1 of MONSE's Securing Year

In Quarter 1 of its Securing Year, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) continues to prioritize the co-production of public safety with and for Baltimore as outlined in the City's comprehensive public safety strategy. As MONSE officially moves from the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan's Framing Year into the Securing Year, the agency has built out the systems and staffing capacity, using ARPA dollars and City general funds, necessary to both provide proof-of-concept and transition initial pilot programs toward full implementation where possible.

Agency Formation and Hiring

This quarter, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement onboarded staff in the following roles across the agency:

- **Community Engagement & Opportunity Associate Director**
- **Community Violence Intervention Outreach Liaison**

MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane

Gun Violence Prevention

MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team develops and implements strategies to shift the culture of gun violence in Baltimore City, with a focus on partnerships and coordination both with fellow City agencies, national organizations, and local stakeholders. MONSE engages high-risk communities in the pursuit of prevention and intervention in violence that could result in a shooting or homicide.

In this quarter, MONSE's Gun Violence Prevention team:

- Initiated program launch for the University of Baltimore Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Certification Program;
- Hosted National League of Cities (NLC) MCRS Peer Learning meetings;
- Continued work with site administrator partners LifeBridge Health Center for Hope and Associated Catholic Charities to fill Safe Streets Baltimore staff vacancies;
- Continued preparations for Group Violence Reduction Strategy expansion to the Central District by the end of October 2023;

- Conducted Baltimore Police Department Group Audits in the Western and Southwestern Districts;
- Completed 6-month review of H/NFS for identification of Group Member Involved (GMI) incidents and associated groups.
- Established GVRS Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response (CNSR) Reporting Buildout;
- Established GVRS Services Processes - Transitional Employment and Relocation for Participants.

Victim Services

Every shooting and violent incident leaves behind a web of trauma – for the victim, as well as bystanders, families, neighbors, and even the perpetrators of violence.

MONSE’s Victim Services team has laid a foundation for intentional coordination with a trauma-informed approach, which is now supported by a fully-staffed lane.

In this quarter, MONSE’s Victim Services team:

- Mobilized Victim Services lane to coordinate with BPD and SAO victim services following the mass shooting that took place in Brooklyn Homes on July 2, 2023. As of the end of Q1, MONSE is providing some level of case management support to 19 victims (both primary and secondary) of the Brooklyn Homes mass shooting, with needs ranging from relocation assistance to ongoing mental health supports;
- Onboarded new shift supervisor at the Baltimore City Visitation Center;
- Convened Lethality Assessment Program data review with key stakeholders;
- Partnered with HARBEL’s Teen Abuse Intervention Program around intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention efforts focused on at-risk and justice-involved youth;
- Began preparations for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in October;
- Participated in the House of Ruth Maryland’s Men Greater Than Violence Roundtable on 8/26/23;
- Hosted a teen dating workshop with Steps 2 Success on 7/4/23 to wrap up an 8-workshop series focused on healthy relationship for both boys and girls participating in programming with the organization as well as staff;

- Invited as part of the Baltimore City Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team to participate in a research-based grant proposal to learn more about how DVFRT's use high-risk indicators, engage community and leverage cultural responsiveness as part of the DVFRT process;
- Attended Roberta's House Disenfranchised Grief in the African American Community Conference on 7/19-7/20/23;
- Finalized processes for victim intake, interagency coordination and handoff, and resource deployment;
- Planned for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month: 2nd Annual Women's Empowerment Conference in partnership with Ishshah's Place to occur on October 7th.

Community Engagement and Opportunity

Dedicated to the co-production of public safety in all of Baltimore's neighborhoods, the Community Engagement and Opportunity team partners with residents, community-based organizations, institutions, businesses, and City agencies to stem the tide of violence, while simultaneously unearthing its root causes.

This team leads the agency's collaborative efforts in youth justice, re-entry, community healing, social and emotional development, coordinated neighborhood stabilization response, and other associated work.

MONSE's Community Engagement and Opportunity team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- In partnership with the Mayor's Office and other City agencies, MONSE launched a 45 day reactive neighborhood stabilization in response to the July 2nd mass shooting in Brooklyn. MONSE and partners will work to stabilize the neighborhood for 45 days, providing necessary resources and supports to residents, including but not limited to: mental health supports, trash removal, mediation services, health services, bill assistance, and assistance in obtaining vital records. Due to the severity of this mass shooting, MONSE will prioritize ongoing connection and support to the Brooklyn Homes community beyond the 45-day stabilization period;
- Officially ended the Brooklyn Homes 45-day stabilization on 8/15 and are continuing to meet with community stakeholders on a regular basis to identify needs and how City government can assist the community moving forward;

- Continued post-Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response efforts in the Brooklyn Homes community and hosted the following events:
 - Community meeting for Brooklyn Homes residents to provide feedback and discuss agencies' after-action reports on 9/7/23;
 - Comprehensive Brooklyn Homes Resource Fair on 9/9/23;
 - Brooklyn Healing Day with Let's Thrive Baltimore on 9/30/23;
- Rick Leandry, CNSR Manager, and Mark Mason, Associate Director of Victim Services bussed 35 community members to the Orioles game on 8/22/23;
- Completed Peace Mobile maintenance.

Policy and Research

MONSE's Policy and Research team is also responsible for developing and pushing Mayor Scott's legislative agenda as it relates to public safety. This team is also home to the agency's in-house data capacity.

MONSE's Policy and Research team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Testified during Brooklyn Homes City Council hearing alongside the Baltimore Police Department, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Department of Transportation, and the Office of Emergency Management on 7/13/23;
- Briefed Comptroller Henry and the Council President's office on the University of Baltimore Community Violence Certificate Intervention Program (SB-23-12177) on 7/17/23;
- Staffed monthly Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC) meetings on 7/26/23 and 8/23/23.
- Managed and reviewed Youth Curfew data submissions;
- Conducted assessment of 3-1-1 data during and prior to Brooklyn Homes CNSR activation;
- Provided briefings for District 46 legislators on the agency's After Action Report regarding the Brooklyn mass shooting incident;
- Participated with SAO and BPD in PSGO hearing concerning Baltimore's Citation Docket on 8/30/23;

- Begun building Apricot for We Our Us and Challenge 2 Change to assist with data capture associated with the CVI ecosystem;
- Held bi-monthly meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council on 8/14/23;
- Began work to finalize the second iteration of the Public Safety Accountability Dashboard.

Finance

The Finance team ensures that MONSE has the necessary funding to support the agency's work associated with implementation of the CVPP and the work of community-based organizations and service providers. This team works to expand the potential network of funding available for neighborhood safety.

This team provides programmatic and fiscal management of the grants that support community-based organizations and service providers; manages the contracts and fiscal needs of MONSE; works with the City's Procurement Office, Chief Solicitor, Audits Office, and Board of Estimates to ensure all contracts are being executed properly; and identifies and compiles potential funding for immediate and future support.

MONSE's Finance team has accomplished the following this quarter:

- Eighteen agreements or award acceptances were submitted to and approved by the BOE on behalf of MONSE, totaling \$38,180,132.21;
- Received notification of award from Governor's Office of Crime Prevention Youth, and Victim Services for \$3,600,000 in Safe Streets and Community Violence Intervention funding ;
- Received \$75,000 from Weinberg Foundation to support immediate and ongoing efforts associated with the Brooklyn Homes mass shooting, with a focus on trauma-informed engagement
- NLC Advancing Economic Mobility Rapid Grant (\$15,000) was submitted to support SideStep Youth Diversion Programming
- Submitted application for VOCA funding to GOCPYVS, due August 28, 2023; The purpose of the Victims of Crime Act program is to improve the treatment of victims of crime by providing victims with the assistance and services necessary to aid their restoration after a violent criminal act, and to support and aid them as they move through the criminal justice process.

- Reviewed the competitive grant applications for FY24 Human Trafficking awards and FY24 Sidestep awards
- Received notification from the Department Of Justice of the following federal grants awarded to MONSE:
 - FY 23 National Public Safety Partnership - \$422,800.00
 - FY 2023 Justice for Families Program - \$700,000.00
- Received notification from the Department Of Juvenile Services of the following grants awarded to MONSE:
 - B'More This Summer - Integrated Summer Youth Engagement Study - \$251,000.00
 - Baltimore City Group Violence Reduction Study - \$551,000.00

Grants and Contracting

MONSE received Board of Estimates (BOE) approval for the following contracts, grant award acceptances, and agreements:

July 12, 2023

- **The Crane Foundation - \$100,000 Grant Acceptance (Term: 07/12/23 - 7/11/24).** *MONSE received \$100,000 from the Crane Foundation to support technical assistance for the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS).*

July 19, 2023

- **My Covenant Place Inc.- \$78,000 Agreement (Term: 07/1/22 - 6/30/23).** *MONSE awarded My Covenant Place Inc. \$78,000 to increase the number of court-mandated referrals in which victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) have sought a judicial remedy for their safety related to custody of visitation, by and through the Baltimore City Visitation Center (BCVC) and My Covenant Place (MCP).*
- **Roberta's House- \$50,000 Agreement (Term: 01/1/23 - 12/31/23).** *MONSE awarded Roberta's House \$50,000 to support programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system for the Sidestep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.*

September 6, 2023

- **Youth Advocate Programs Inc. - \$7,278,682 Agreement (Term: 07/1/23 - 6/30/24).**
MONSE awarded YAP \$7,278,682 as part of YAP's role as a service provider for GVRS. High risk individuals that are involved in gun violence are referred from stakeholders and Baltimore City to YAP, where individuals can receive life coaching services.
- **University of Pennsylvania - \$2,212,117.21 Agreement (Term: 4/1/23-12/31/24).**
MONSE awarded UPenn \$2,212,117.21 for technical assistance, training, technology, research services and subject matter expertise to assist the City, including BPD, SAO, and MONSE, in developing, implementing and evaluating GVRS.
- **Baltimore Community Mediation Program, Inc. (BCMC) - \$100,000 Agreement (Term: 9/6/23-9/6/24).**
MONSE awarded BCMC \$100,000 to inform, serve, and include Black men & boys in community mediation work in Baltimore. This network will exponentially build the conflict resolution capacity in Baltimore's neighborhoods.

September 20, 2023

- **Living Classrooms Foundation - \$500,000 Agreement (Term: 07/1/23 - 6/30/24).**
MONSE awarded the Living Classrooms Foundation \$500,000 to provide job training, paid work via community revitalization projects, and wrap-around case management to 50 returning citizens in Baltimore City.