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FY '25 - Quarter 2

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FY '25 Q2 of MONSE's Finishing Year

In Quarter 2 of its Finishing Year, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) has continued to work toward full implementation and sustainability of the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan. The agency 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 continues further into the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan's (CVPP) Finishing Year, the agency is focused on strengthening systems and transitioning initial pilot programs toward full implementation.

Agency Formation and Hiring

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

- Chief of Community Violence Intervention
- Group Violence Reduction Strategy Service Partnership Manager
- Chief of Finance
- Interns to support the Neighborhood Policing Plan initiative

Major milestones for the agency during this period include:

- Hosted, sponsored, and participated in Domestic Violence Awareness Month events and activities in the month of October.
- Announced the official launch of the School Based Violence Interruption Program pilot at all four Baltimore City High Schools – Digital Harbor, Carver, Edmondson Westside, and Mervo – in December
- Wrapped up Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Responses in Oliver St, Stricker St, and Mondawmin.
- The Brooklyn Safe Streets site celebrated over 400 days without a homicide in its catchment zone.

MONSE Quarterly Updates - By Lane

Community Violence Intervention

MONSE's Community Violence Intervention (CVI) 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 CVI team:

- Safe Streets Brooklyn reached over 400 Days with no homicides within their catchment zone.
- Supported Safe Streets Shooting Responses in:
 - Franklin Square
 - Belair Edison
- Mediated over 1,131 potentially violent conflicts as of 12/02/24.
- Supported Safe Streets sites with their Thanksgiving and Holiday events.
- Held a citywide Safe Streets Booster Training for all 10 sites.

Group Violence Reduction Strategy

In January 2022, the City of Baltimore launched the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRs) in partnership with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and the State's Attorney's Office (SAO).

This proven strategy aims to address the norms perpetuating violence in Baltimore by focusing resources on individuals identified as being at the highest acute risk of involvement in gun violence.

MONSE's GVRs team works to coordinate all GVRs partners, develop outreach strategies for potential participants, and collaborate with service providers to ensure participants at the highest risk of violence are provided the resources they need to stay safe, alive, and free.

In this quarter, MONSE's GVRs team:

- Met with University of Maryland to discuss coordination around Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) high-risk shooting victims, centering the conversation on custom notification, safety relocation and joint services plan.
- Held a celebration in partnership with Youth Advocate Programs to commemorate the success of GVRS participants.
- Announced a GVRS takedown of four criminal organizations operating throughout Southwestern Baltimore.

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:

- Hosted, supported, and attended a series of Intimate Partner Violence Prevention events in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October):
 - Block Party Kickoff - Frank C. Bocek Rec Center;
 - Heal-A-Thon with Keke Wyatt;
 - “Sacred Spaces” Seminar;
 - “Navigating Local Government” with Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs;
 - Safety & Protective Order workshop;
 - “Risk to Reason” HIV/STD Awareness and Prevention Seminar;
 - Ishshah’s Place 5k walk/run;
 - “Women’s Emphasis Sunday” with New Psalmist Baptist Church;
 - “At the Intersection of LGBTQIA+ and IPV” seminar at Coppin State University;
 - Purple Thursday and Family Skate Party at Shake and Bake Family Fun Center;

- “Dunk to End DV” with Safe Streets Baltimore;
- DV Resource Fair at Coppin State University;
- Protective Order Workshop #2;
- Maryland Healthcare Coalition Against Domestic Violence film screening and panel discussion;
- IPV at the intersection of HIV discussion at St. Agnes Hospital;
- Women’s Empowerment Conference at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church;
- Cut the Silence to END Domestic Violence at The Gud Shop Barbers;
- The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team joined the Community Engagement and Opportunity team behind the wall at MCIW to meet with participants of the Returning Citizens Behind the Wall initiative
- Participated in the No More Silence, End Domestic Violence Resource Fair held by Coppin State University in collaboration with TurnAround Inc. and House of Ruth MD.
- Hosted “Safe for the Season” workshop.

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:

- Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Responses in the following locations:

- Mondawmin – reactive stabilization in response to juvenile shooting in the Mondawmin area with particular focus on youth resources and a continued presence in the area to deter potential conflict;
 - Supported the closing of the Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization and Revitalization (CNSR) project with Peace Mobile present on 11/22/24;
- Oliver – concluded stabilization in response to a mass shooting resulting in one homicide and seven non-fatal victims;
 - Resource Fair hosted at Dr. Bernard Harris Elementary on 10/22/24;
- Stricker St. -- concluded stabilization in response to a police-involved shooting;
- Baltimore and Gilmore - finalized stabilization efforts, providing resources and information to the community;
- Stabilization Closure at 1400 N Eden Street - closed out stabilization efforts, offering community resources and engagement;
- Planned Fayette Street Outreach Neighborhood Policing Plan Dismount Focus Groups for 10/22/24 and 10/29/24;
- Canvassed in the Elwood Park area in partnership with Southeast CDC.
- Held 'BMore Safe' Resource Fair alongside Human Trafficking Collaborative on 11/02/24.
- Hosted Resource Fair in McElderry Park community on 11/06/24.

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:

- Hosted the Returning Citizens Behind the Wall (RCBTW) Meeting at the Baltimore City Corrections Center to discuss updates and strategies for supporting returning citizens and reducing recidivism.

- Participated in the Reentry Collaboration Meeting with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to enhance collaboration efforts on reentry initiatives, particularly addressing support for returning citizens and building stronger interagency partnerships.

Grants and Contracting

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

October 10, 2024

- **The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Inc. – \$0 (Term: 7/1/23-6/30/24).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a First Amendment to Agreement with The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Inc. The goal of this project is to amend the end date of the agreement to June 30, 2024, from the original end date of Sept. 30, 2024 due to early completion of the SOW.*
- **Baltimore Civic Fund, Inc. – \$49,998.60 (Term: 10/1/23-9/30/26).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a Fiscal Administrator Agreement with the Baltimore Civic Fund, Inc. The goal of this project is to improve the response of all aspects of the civil and criminal justice systems to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. Within the award, funds have been allocated for transportation services for victims in need who have been court ordered to the Center and are unable to provide or afford transportation on their own accord, thereby creating a financial hardship and inability to comply with the court order.*

October 23, 2024

- **No items on the October 23, 2024 BOE.**

November 6, 2024

- **Victims of Violence in Baltimore City (VOCA) – \$769,706.00 (Term: 7/1/24-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve acceptance of a Grant Award from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention - Supporting Victims of Violence in Baltimore City (VOCA). The goal of this project is through community partnerships, our victim services team oversees successful delivery of therapeutic interventions, case management, and social supports including housing, transportation, educational assistance, and peer support.*
- **Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners – \$149,982.00 (Term: 7/1/24-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a Grant Agreement*

with the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners. The goal of this project is the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners operates a system of public schools commonly known as the Baltimore City Public School System or Baltimore City Public Schools (“City Schools”).

- **The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc. – \$70,000.00 (Term: 7/1/24-6/30/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a Grant Agreement with The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc. The goal of this project is in FY25, The Family League of Baltimore, Inc. (Family League) will be continuing its partnership with KEYS Empowers, Inc. (KEYS).*
- **TurnAround, Inc. – \$181,913.00 (Term: 6/1/24-9/30/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a Grant Agreement with TurnAround, Inc. The goal of this project is TurnAround, Inc. is a leading agency in the fight to end violence against women and children by confronting the attitudes, behaviors and systems that perpetuate it, and by providing victims with the services necessary to rebuild their lives safely and free from fear.*

November 20, 2024

- **North Avenue and Hilton Street Business & Community Task Force, Inc. – \$250,000 (Term: 6/1/24-5/31/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a Grant Agreement with North Avenue and Hilton Street Business & Community Task Force, Inc. The goal of this project is to provide Neighborhood Policing Plans (NPP) to the North Avenue and Hilton Street community.*
- **Employee Travel Reimbursement – Roderick Milligan – \$1,928.06.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve a Retroactive Employee Travel Request and Reimbursement for Roderick Milligan who attended the 11th Annual Cities United Convening. The goal of this project is to approve a Retroactive Employee Travel Request and Reimbursement for Roderick Milligan, one of MONSE’s Community Violence Intervention Outreach Liaison, who provides on-the-ground technical assistance for CVI programming.*
- **Employee Travel Request – Tony Bradley – \$2,037.61.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Employee Travel Request and Reimbursement for Troy Bradley who attended the 11th Annual Cities United Convening. The goal of this project is to approve a Retroactive Employee Travel Request and Reimbursement for Troy Bradley, one of MONSE’s Community Violence Intervention Outreach Liaison, who provides on-the-ground technical assistance for CVI programming.*

December 4, 2024

- **The United Way of Central Maryland, Inc. – \$3,289,921.16 (Term: 7/1/24-12/31/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Agreement between MONSE and The United Way of Central Maryland, Inc. The goal of this project is for The United Way of Central Maryland, Inc. to provide fiscal sponsorship services to MONSE with the capacity to support MONSE-ARPA grantees in the delivery of required data reporting, timely invoice submission, and the execution of payment of work completed in service of the implementation of the Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan in Baltimore City.*

December 18, 2024

- **Baltimore City Health Department – \$178,680.00 (Term: 12/18/24 -6/30/25).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Agreement between Baltimore City Health Department and MONSE. The goal of this project is to provide funding for the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) to hire assigned workers to supply software design, development, testing, project management, and other consulting services to BCHD. This contract resulted from recommendations from the interagency Child Fatality Review process.*
- **The P.E.A.C.E. Team, LLC – \$250,000 (Term: 7/1/2024-6/30/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Agreement between The P.E.A.C.E. Team, LLC and MONSE. The goal of this project is to provide an integrative approach to working with students (grades 9-12), their families, school administrators, and communities, to change norms about the acceptability of violence.*
- **The Movement Team, Inc – \$500,000 (Term: 7/1/2024-6/30/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Agreement between The Movement Team, Inc. and MONSE. The goal of this project is to provide an integrative approach to working with students (grades 9-12), their families, school administrators, and communities, to change norms about the acceptability of violence.*
- **Metro Crime Stoppers – \$50,000 (Term: 7/1/2024-6/30/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Agreement between Metro Crime Stoppers and MONSE. The goal of this project is to implement a Metro Crime Stoppers ("MCS") Reward Bonus Program (the "Program"), in an attempt to reduce the number of illegal firearms in circulation, assist in solving homicides, and lower violent crime rates.*
- **Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - \$986,400 (Term: 7/1/2022-12/31/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DPSCS,*

MONSE, BCRP, MOED, and DPW. The goal of this project will enable the individuals to develop skills and better enable new employment in the public or private sector for the approved amount of \$986,400.00.

- **Supportive Housing for Returning Citizens in Baltimore City (PJRA) - \$278,250 (Term: 7/1/2024-6/30/2025).** *MONSE requested that the Board approve an Award/Acceptance from Supportive Housing for Returning Citizens in Baltimore City (PJRA). The goal of this project is for an innovative transitional housing initiative to benefit newly returning citizens across Baltimore City. The proposed initiative will work to ensure that participating individuals are released from incarceration with a viable path toward safe, affordable accommodation.*
- **Summer Youth Engagement strategy providers - \$182,153.27.** *MONSE requested that the Board approve payments for the 2024 Summer Youth Engagement strategy providers. The goal of this project was to provide in-person engagement during evening curfew hours and offer connections to services for young people and their families where needed as a part of the summer youth engagement strategy.*