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**Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and
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Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
Annual Report**

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Executive Summary

In alignment with Baltimore's [Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan](#), Mayor Brandon M. Scott re-established the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in August 2021. The CJCC is a multi-agency partnership of senior decision makers and elected officials who convene on a regular basis to improve the effective administration of justice and coordinate cross-cutting systemic responses to criminal justice issues. The goals of the CJCC include:

- Improving cross-agency communication on the City of Baltimore criminal justice system issues;
- Improving transparency with the community on criminal justice system issues; and
- Using accountability and collaboration to make recommendations of policies.

As outlined in the CVPP, the first year of the CJCC was foundational, with a focus on bringing the principal members to the table to discuss the goals of their agencies as it relates to addressing Baltimore City's criminal justice system gaps, staffing MONSE to support the CJCC, and forming workgroups that were focused and intentional in scope.

In late September/early October 2021, the CJCC convened a 2-day Operating Planning Session to formulate the Council's bylaws, determine immediate areas of focus, create workgroups, and establish evaluation and reporting methodologies to be used to assess the work being completed.

Out of this session, seven workgroups were created:

1. Backlog of Cases
2. Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
3. Fines, Fees, and Restitution
4. Pre-Trial
5. Public Safety Accountability Dashboard
6. Transportation
7. Warrants

Meetings are conducted every two months. In December 2021 and February 2022, principal members decided that the Public Safety Accountability Dashboard, a mechanism to share metrics, data, and experiences publicly to help keep agencies accountable for executing agreed-upon strategies while identifying best practices for measuring effectiveness would become its first deliverable and discussed respective agency requirements. MONSE staff provided a current snapshot into Baltimore's violent crime data and produced a survey to determine what data principals would like to see on the dashboard.

In April 2022, MONSE hired a CJCC Policy Manager to oversee the facilitation of workgroup meetings and provide project management. On May 10, 2022, the Policy Manager released an application to the public to staff workgroups with a diverse population that included not only

representatives from principal agencies, but also those from community-based organizations and Baltimore City residents.

By the May 27 application deadline, a total of 251 submission forms were received. During the month and June, the submission forms were reviewed extensively by MONSE staff to ensure equity and inclusivity that balanced unique perspectives associated not only professional background, but also lived experience. Selection was made at the end of June and members were notified.

An introductory meeting was held on July 7, 2022, at which time members were able to review the bylaws and expectations of the workgroups, select a chairperson and vice-chairperson, and establish standing meeting days. Workgroups also began to have preliminary conversations around projects they would like to take on within their focus areas and identify subject matter expertise within their groups as it relates to the roles and supports members can bring.

Over the next month, MONSE will work with workgroups to establish priorities and metrics for the coming year. While six of the workgroups finalize priorities, the Public Safety Accountability Dashboard workgroup is working to finalize the dashboard's design based on previous reviews by principal members of dashboards from other cities and local agencies to determine what layouts are the most user-friendly and what information is most useful.

During 2QFY23, the Public Safety Accountability Dashboard workgroup will compile data sets from principal agencies and review them for discrepancies to present accurate data to the community. Workgroup members will also continue to review examples of dashboards from other jurisdictions and determine which design(s) to adopt. MONSE projects that a first markup will be ready for internal CJCC review by Fall 2022 and a finalized version will be presented to the CJCC by Winter 2022.

Baltimore residents can expect to see the first version of the dashboard by February 2023.