

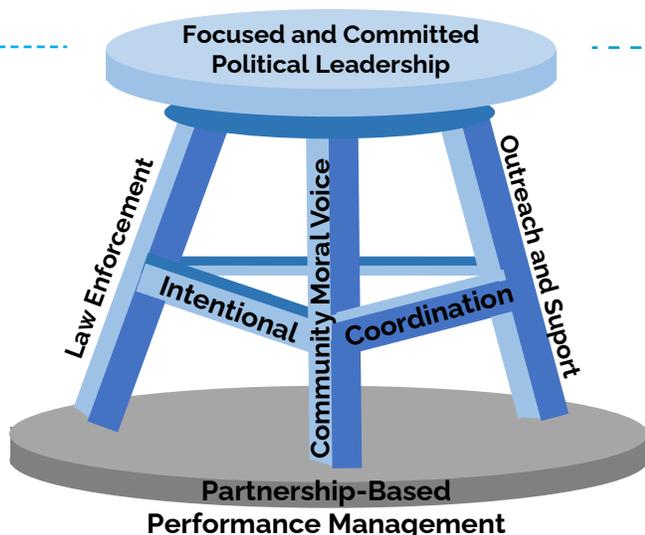
# GROUP VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY MEETING RECAP

## GVRS...AN APPROACH, NOT A PROGRAM

GVRS facilitates direct, sustained engagement with the small number of group-involved individuals most intimately connected to violence through a partnership of community leaders, social service providers, and law enforcement standing and acting together.

## GOALS AND UNIFYING VALUES

1. Reduce **homicides and shootings**
2. Decrease **recidivism** and improve **outcomes** for those at the highest risk of violence
3. **Strengthen police-community relations and trust**



SHARED GOALS

SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY

Implementing a Group Violence Reduction Strategy is a cornerstone of my Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan, and shifts the primary responsibility for violence prevention from law enforcement to community-based organizations. Building a safer Baltimore that saves lives requires more than policing and prosecuting; it takes an evidence-based approach that supports those most at risk of violence. Never before has Baltimore been fully united or bought in on this strategy, and I thank Commissioner Harrison and State's Attorney Mosby for being strong partners as we prepare to initiate this effort.

—Mayor Brandon M. Scott

We recognize that while we need the hammer of the criminal justice system for violent offenders, we also need community outreach and programming to reach people before they reach the justice system. The Mayor, Police Commissioner and myself philosophically agree and know that we cannot arrest or prosecute our way out of gun violence. Together, we have a unique opportunity through collaboration and partnership to reduce gun violence and shift the narrative about our city and actually save lives.

—State Attorney Mosby

Today's GVRS Partners Meeting represents BPD's commitment to a comprehensive approach to reducing gun violence. This strategy embodies a holistic and all-hands-on-deck response to not just breaking the cycle of violence, but to promoting justice, community engagement and social services in treating root causes to violent crime. I want to thank Mayor Scott for his leadership and all of our partners in working collectively to cure the disease of violent crime, versus historically just treating the symptoms. Together we will make our city safer.

—Commissioner Harrison

# GVRS MEETING RECAP

## ATTENDEES

 In-person – **50** – – – –

 Virtual – **19** – – – –

## AGENCY ATTENDANCE

- Abell Foundation
- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Baltimore City Mayor's Office
- Baltimore Community Foundation
- Baltimore Community Mediation Center
- Baltimore Police Department
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- California Partnership
- Coppin State University
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Goldseker Foundation
- Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
- Johns Hopkins University
- Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
- Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Maryland Governor's Office
- Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
- National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform
- Roca
- State's Attorney's Office
- United State's Attorney's Office
- University of Maryland
- University of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
- YAP, Inc.

## GOVERNANCE STRATEGY



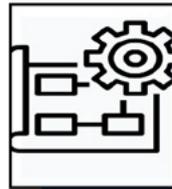
### Tri-Agency Principals

**Role:** To barrier bust and ensure sustained capacity and unwavering focus on violence reduction.



### Steering Committee

**Role:** To oversee performance reviews; provide resources; and ensure cross-sectoral collaboration and buy-in.



### Strategy/Implementation Team

**Role:** To develop/deploy strategy; get results; monitor results; and enable key decisions.



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