



City of Seattle

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

September 15, 2015

**Present:** Mattie Taplin, Marsha Andrews, Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman

**Excused:** Rev. Don Davis, Susan Millender, Dr. Brenda Jackson

**Staff:** Maureen Linehan, Rowena Rye

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- I. Mattie Taplin opened the meeting and welcomed the group, and guests Josh Hall with Community Service and Assistance Division of HSD, and Ericka Terry-Jackson with King County's Equity and Social Justice Project.
  - II. Josh shared data available from shelters. The council reviewed the data, and had questions about how the City collects data on homeless people not in shelters. Josh referenced acknowledged the challenges, citing the annual One-Night Count, but acknowledging the challenges of getting complete data, as many people who are homeless are uncounted.
  - III. There was additional discussion of how to assure the delivery of culturally appropriate services to African American Elders. Josh asked about training to providers to increase cultural sensitivity, and build cultural competency. Josh shared his contact information, and offered to return for further discussion of the council's concerns.
  - IV. Next, Ericka provided an update on the work being done within King County government to address racial disparities, and to work toward equity and social justice. The work began in 2008, and in 2014, the King County Council passed an ordinance to support this work. Ericka is currently soliciting input on a variety of equity issues that include determinants of equity, equality vs. equity, and inequity of policy constructs that maintain white privilege, and changing these policies. Ericka shared her contact information with the council. The council is supportive of the project, and thanked Ericka for her presentation.
  - V. The meeting was adjourned.
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