

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

April 21, 2015

Present: Mattie Taplin, Dr. Brenda Jackson, Marsha Andrews

Excused: Rev. Don Davis, Dr. Norwood Brooks, Susan Millender, Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman

Guests: Jennifer Louch, Kinship Program Coordinator, Mary Mitchell, Support Group Facilitator for the Kinship Program

Staff: Rowena Rye

- I. Mattie Taplin opened meeting and welcomed the group. Rev. Davis is out of town, and was unable to make this evening's meeting.
- II. Jennifer discussed the role of support groups in the support of kinship caregivers. She introduced Mary Mitchell, a kinship group facilitator through Atlantic Street Center. Jennifer went on to describe the concept of a mobile kinship center the Kinship Collaboration is considering. The council had questions about how this model would work, and discussed the continuing need for a culturally focused, centrally located Kinship Center where stressed caregivers can drop in as needed, emphasizing the value of community-based kinship programming. The council asked Jennifer whether she would support their efforts. Jennifer suggested the council connect with the Kinship Collaboration.
- III. The council discussed the need for a future planning retreat, possibly next fall. Rowena reminded the group to identify community leaders, and discuss the work of the council as part of the recruitment effort.
- IV. Rowena shared that the Mayor's Office had requested a copy of the report, and it was forwarded. A signed copy will be forwarded by Rev. Don. She will let the council know when she hears back from the Mayor's Office on a date(s) for a follow up meeting with Mayor Murray.

The meeting was adjourned.

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