

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

December 16, 2014

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

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

- I. Mattie Taplin opened meeting and welcomed members. Meeting opened with an update of the MCAAE report from Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman. Dr. Pittman stated the UW students are no longer involved in the project. Discussed with group what other items were needed to complete the document. Comments around investigating more detail of budget of Kinship program, Homeless project estimated operating costs. Information to be gathered about previous budget from Dian Ferguson, Director of CASC. Suggested we have Dian visit our meetings more often.
Need to do research with cities that have similar demographic populations.
- II. Mattie Taplin brought up getting in writing the Mayor's commitment to what was discussed in the meeting on October 31, 2014. A conference call was made to Rev. Don Davis to clarify what was said. Dr. Pittman began drafting a letter to commitment to the Mayor addressing our three areas of concern: Increased funding for the AAEP program, bring the Kinship Center, back to the Central Area Senior Center, and finding a facility for Homeless African Americans.
- III. Regarding strategy to get involved with South King County, discussed inviting a member of the Kent Black Action Committee to our January 2015 meeting.
- IV. Members talked about having their official letter of recognition from the Mayor or other materials to show they are connected with the MCAAE. At this time, they have nothing to show, and find it hard to discussed, or be enthused about recruiting new members. Also do we have a budget for the MCAAE? Can we access the funds to possibly have refreshments at the meeting?

The meeting was adjourned.

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