

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

February 16, 2018

**Members Present** –Brenda Charles Edwards, Chair, Dr. Brenda Jackson, Cynthia Winters; Noris Daniel (Appointment pending), Claudette Thomas (Appointment pending); Tricia Diamond (Appointment pending), Ken Conley (Appointment pending), **Emeritus** – Mattie Taplin

**Excused** –Jim Watkins

**HSD/ADS Staff** – Cathy Knight, ADS Director, Lori Mina, Gigi Meinig, Karen Winston

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### I. Medicaid Transformation

ADS planner Lori Mina, provided an overview of the Medicaid Transformation (MT). MT is an agreement with the federal government that will allow Washington State to test new and innovative approaches to providing health coverage and care.

- MT includes two new ways to support older adults who need help to live at home: 1) Tailored Supports for Older Adults; and 2) Medicaid Alternative Care. Both programs are designed to support an older adult's unpaid caregiver.
- ADS has hired two case managers that will service all of King County.
- Community Living Connections is the front-door for MT (1-844-348-5464), and can also be accessed through the African American Elders Program.
- So far, intake has been completed for 114 people. A media campaign will be implemented soon to attract more caregivers.

**II. ADS Updates** - ADS director Cathy Knight, provided the following ADS updates.

#### WA State Legislature

Cathy reported that the 2018 legislative session is almost over, however, we still need to communicate with legislators about the issues that are important to older adults. Senior Lobby Day is scheduled for February 22 in Olympia, and will include appointments with legislators which have already been scheduled. Cathy also summarized the legislative priorities and bills that ADS is currently tracking. Two important ones include: 1) training for home care Independent Providers (IPs), and 2) legislation regarding the Dementia Action Collaborative.

#### Age Friendly Task Force

Cathy invited members to participate on the Age Friendly Task Force, and suggested that a presentation be scheduled, once the Program Manager has been hired.

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### ADS Advisory Council Meeting

Cathy ended by encouraging MCAAE to attend Advisory Council (AC) meetings. Brenda attended the AC retreat in January, but is unable to attend monthly meetings. Participating in AC meetings will allow both group collaborate on advocacy for issues that are important to older adults. Tricia and Cynthia volunteered to rotate meeting attendance.

### **IV. Senior Lobby Day**

ADS planner Gigi Meinig, provided an overview of Senior Lobby Day and encouraged members to attend. ADS will provide the transportation. Cynthia Winters signed up to attend.

### **V. 2018 MCAAE Retreat**

Members planned the agenda for the retreat, scheduled for Friday, March 23, 12 to 4 p.m., in the Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4096. Lunch will be ordered from Ingallina's

### **Agenda:**

- I. New member orientation
- II. Navigation Center Presentation (pending)
- III. Planning for a meeting with Mayor Jenny Durkan
- IV. MCAAE Outreach & Visibility

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be the retreats which is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018 (**Note – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday**)