

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

March 18, 2016

Renton City Hall & Renton Library

Members Present – Dr. Brenda Jackson, Susan Millender, Mattie Taplin

Members Excused – Marsha Andrews, Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman, Rev. Donald Davis

ADS Staff – Maria Langlais, Karen Winston

I. REACH Center of Hope

MCAAE members toured the REACH Center of Hope, located in Renton City Hall. The Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) is a community of local churches and partner agencies who come together to support women and children who are homeless. Rev. Dr. Linda Smith, Director, provided a tour of the center.

As a day center, the Center of Hope provides the following:

- Breakfast and lunch
- Companionship
- Hygiene, showers and laundry services
- Case management
- Clothing
- Housing and employment resources
- Mail, phone services and computer access
- Support groups
- Medical service referrals
- Tutoring and library

Night shelters, hosted on a monthly rotation, are provided daily at various churches throughout Renton. Up to four families are assigned to a private sleeping room, while single women are housed together in one room. Volunteers are on hand to help as needed and, in the morning, children are picked up for school from the night shelter location.

Since opening in 2013, the center has restored hope for many. Approximately 4,308 residents have signed in; 485 received case management; 7,328 bed nights; 198 family units were served; 4,390 meals were served and 46 families found permanent housing.

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Regular Meeting (Held at the Renton Public Library)

I. REACH Center of Hope – Tour Debrief

Members discussed the tour, highlights and what they learned. Dr. Brenda Jackson would like to replicate the REACH Center of Hope, somewhere in the downtown Seattle area and will be looking for donated space.

II. ADS Directors Report

- Maria Langlais extended an invitation to member to attend the April 8 Advisory Council meeting, from 12 – 2:00 p.m., in the Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 4050. The guest speaker will be Jason Johnson, Deputy Director of the Seattle Human Services Department. Jason will discuss innovative strategies to reduce homelessness.
- On March 30, ADS Director Maureen Linehan, is scheduled to provide an overview of ADS, and the age-friendly community framework to Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw's Human Services and Public Health Committee.
- An invitation was extended to members to attend the monthly Coffee Hour, sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens. Mayor Murray will be the speaker.
- Effective July, 2016, United Way of King County will eliminate funding (\$1.76 million) for outcomes which are not aligned with one of the four priorities identified in their 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. The four priorities are: 1) giving kids an equal chance; 2) supporting youth; ending homelessness; and keeping families stable. United Way has set aside \$300,000 for an investment process for older adults, scheduled to be released later this summer. United Way would like to receive input from MCAAE members. Karen was asked to confirm Sara Levin, Vice President of Community Services at United Way, for the April 15 meeting.
- On February 26, ADS implemented an investment process for a case management provider for east King County. The process has ended and three proposals are now under review. A second RFP, for health promotion, is scheduled to be released in July. Available funding: \$150,000.
- The State budget is currently in a special session. Passage of the CARE Act looks favorable.
- On the federal side, the Older Americans Act reauthorization is scheduled to go before the House for passage. It includes modest increases in several program categories.

III. 2016 Work Plan (Draft)

Strategy	Goal/Outcome	Target Date
Meet with Rev. Dr. Linda M. Smith , Senior Pastor of the SKY Center for Spiritual Living	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn about her organization and what she is doing in south King County in support of older African Americans. 2. Identify and discuss potential areas of collaboration. 	March 18 <u>Status:</u> Completed
Meet with Margaret Boddie , AAEP Program Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive an update about the program 2. Identify program needs and areas where MCAAE members could lend support/advocacy. 	April 15 <u>Status:</u> Scheduled
Meet with Sara Levin , Vice President of Community Services, United Way of King County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn about the \$300 thousand set-aside for aging programs. 2. Provide input on how the funding could be used for older adults. 	April 15 <u>Status:</u> Scheduled
Speaker - TBD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review draft MCAAE brochure 	May 20
Meet with member(s) of the Kent Black Action Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn more about the organization and their goals/activities in south King County. 2. Determine areas where MCAAE members could lend support and/or advocacy. 	June 17
		July 15
		August 19
		Sept. 16
		October 21
		Nov. 18
		Dec. 16

The retreat was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.