

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

October 21, 2014

Present: Rev. Don Davis, Marsha Andrews, Dr. Brenda Jackson, Susan Millender, Mattie Taplin

Excused: Dr. Norward Brooks, Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman

ADS Staff: Rowena Rye

- I. Interim Chair Rev. Don Davis welcomed group.
- II. Rev. Davis shared with the group that there is a possibility that he may be relocated. He will keep the council updated so there can be a transition worked out in the event he does need to leave Seattle.
- III. The council next discussed talking points for next week's meeting with Mayor Murray. Rev. Davis asked that everyone attending be in the City Hall Lobby by noon to discuss details on the presentation to the Mayor.
- IV. A discussion of the status of kinship caregivers who were previously served by the Kinship Center was discussed. Support groups that were held in the community are no longer meeting. Concern was expressed as to how the caregivers were now being supported. There was a briefing on services that were provided through the Kinship Center and the loss of a culturally relevant support system for African American kinship caregivers. There is no longer a program providing this level of service.
- V. A briefing was also provided on the African American Elders Program, and concern was expressed about maintaining the program in the community and ensuring that it remains culture-based and that services are not lost as the AAEP program must now go through a competitive process in the ADS Request for Investment.
- VI. The group briefly discussed seeking funding from South King County municipalities that have a growing number of African Americans (Renton, Federal Way, Kent).

There was mention of the Kent Diversity Meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and the possibility of a representative of the MCAAE attending.

- VII. The group would like to invite the new Community Resilience Navigator at Senior Services to the November meeting to learn more about her work in the community, and discuss possible future collaborations.

The meeting was adjourned.

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