

Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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Meeting Summary

September 16, 2014

Present: Rev. Don Davis, Dr. Norward Brooks, Dr. Brenda Jackson, Dr. LaShawnDa Pittman, Mattie Taplin

Excused: Marsha Andrews, Susan Millender

ADS Staff: Rowena Rye

- I. Interim Chair Rev. Don Davis welcomed group.
- II. Dr. Pittman shared a draft of the work her students had accomplished thus far. She acknowledged that there had been difficulty reaching key informants who can help to provide additional important information for the report. The group had questions about the AAEP and the upcoming RFI process. Mattie will follow up with Margaret Boddie, AAEP Director, to obtain more information and program data.
- III. Dr. Pittman will connect with Paula Houston in an effort to get additional information about the Metrocenter YMCA space that may be available and a good location to serve homeless elders. She is gathering information about how much other cities are spending to address African American homelessness, and how many African Americans are being served. Students are also gathering data on how many programs are being funded by the City to address homelessness, the per capita amount spent, and how many are being jailed. Programs that serve a large number of African American elders: Matt Talbot Center, Mary's Place, The Angeline, DESC, and a shelter on 42nd & Rainier.
- IV. Regarding the Kinship Care budget, it has \$230,000 in funding/year. \$125,000 is spent (salary, benefits, direct services) to operate the program (includes in-kind contributions). Additional data is being incorporated into the report to Mayor Murray.

The meeting was adjourned.

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