

# Mayor's Council on African American Elders

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## Meeting Summary

March 23, 2018

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

**Absent** – Ken Conley (Appointment pending), Tricia Diamond (Appointment pending), Jim Watkins

**HSD/ADS Staff** – Cathy Knight, ADS Director, Karen Winston

**I. New Member Orientation** – MCAAE handbooks were distributed. Karen and Cathy reviewed the content, including information about the history of the commission, past initiatives and accomplishments, and the purpose and role of Aging and Disability Services (ADS).

**II. Brainstorm 2018 Goals & Strategies** – Members listed and organized the following goals and priorities for 2018. The discussion will be continued at the April meeting.

2018 Monthly Meeting Topics	Mayor Durkan Discussion Items	Partnerships	Community Outreach
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prep for meeting with Mayor Durkan</li> <li>2. MCAAE subcommittees</li> <li>3. Homeless update</li> <li>4. Property taxes (What can the MCAAE do to inform/assist?)</li> <li>5. Medicaid Transformation (Employment benefit)</li> <li>6. ADS Case Management Program</li> <li>7. METRO/Access advocacy</li> <li>8. Hepatitis C</li> <li>9. Health disparities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Homeless update</li> <li>2. Property taxes</li> <li>3. Low-income housing</li> <li>4. Advocate for a RN for the AAEP</li> </ol> <p><u>Meeting Goals</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present background/facts about African Americans and gentrification</li> <li>2. Share personal stories about the impact of gentrification on African Am. Homeowners</li> <li>3. Identify what the mayor should/could do</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. African Am. Elders Program (AAEP)</li> <li>2. Roberta Byrd Bar Center (formerly CAMP)</li> <li>3. Black clergy</li> <li>4. Center for Multi-Cultural Health (CMCH)</li> <li>5. Kent Black Action Coalition</li> <li>6. Tukwila Councilmember</li> <li>7. NAACP</li> <li>8. Urban League</li> <li>9. Africa Town</li> <li>10. Homeless shelters</li> <li>11. Women of Wealth Forum</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources to help keep you in your home</li> <li>• Finding affordable and low-income housing (The HEN Program &amp; 197 Program)</li> <li>• Health fair (in collaboration with Juana Royster and CMCH)</li> <li>• Outreach to formerly incarcerated women, at 50+</li> </ul>

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**III. Other Related Items** – In preparation for a future meeting with Mayor Durkan, Karen was asked to prepare the following information for review:

- Number of African American homeowners at-risk of losing their homes, due to high property taxes
- Number of 60+ African Americans per King County jurisdictions
- Number of African American homeless (Seattle and King Co.)
- Maps showing the decrease of African Americans living in Seattle's Central District
- Protection from property fraud schemes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Friday, April 20, 2018.