



# *DC Senior Advisory Coalition*

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Feb 19 2015  
Meeting minutes

Attendees:

Paula Reichel, Cap Area Food Bank  
Michael Waddle, Cap Area Food Bank  
Jody Tick, Cap Area Food Bank  
Marie Guillory, Cap Hill Village  
Ivan Lanier, DC AARP  
Lauren Badger, DC Hunger Solutions  
Eden Teklebrhane, DCOA  
Garret King, DCOA  
Tanya Reid, DCOA  
Brian Footer, DCOA  
Camile Williams, DCOA  
Camille Benedict, East River Collaborative  
Mae H Best, East River Collaborative  
Gwen Moseley Coleman, Family Matters  
Annette Leath, Family Matters  
Rinaldo Washington, Family Matters  
Marla Lahat, Home Care Partners  
Rose Clifford, Iona  
Sally White, Iona  
Jakia Muhammad, Iona  
Rochelle Bobroff, LCE

Jan May, LCE  
Alayna Waldrum, Leading Age  
Christy Kramer, Leading Age DC  
Michelle Singleton, Mary's Center  
Merry O'Brien, Network for Victim  
Recovery  
Ruth Pollard, Providence Hosp.  
Elizabeth Fox, SAC  
Tori Goldhammer, SAC  
Dawn Quattlebaum, Seabury Resources  
Denise Ryles-McKoy, Seabury Resources  
Kate Lewis, Seabury Resources  
Vivian Grayton, Seabury Resources  
Le'Anetta Obsanjo, Seabury Resources  
DeAnna Nara, Terrific Inc  
Rosa Melendez, Vida Senior Centers  
Rosa Rivas, Vida Senior Centers  
Freddie Peaco, Washington EAR  
Neely Oplinger, Washington EAR  
Frederick Kunkle, Washington Post

Sally and Tori

DCOA oversight hearing was well attended. Of the 52 witnesses scheduled to testify, 21 were members of SAC. Tori gave dates of past meetings with council members, upcoming meetings scheduled and upcoming oversight hearings.

Next steps relate to budget concerns in all areas of SAC goals: nutrition, transportation, housing and DCOA programs. Tori will send out list of budget hearings.

Nutrition concerns:

Currently need \$1 million to fill the gap for Home Delivered Meals (HDM). The \$1.2 million received last year is to address 150 clients from November's waiting list. As of this date, DCOA received 145 assessments of the new waiting list. All assessments are due by Feb 27. There

will be a task force of community stake holders and DCOA staff to vet process for HDM program in order to reach most needy clients. DCOA will enroll as much as budget will allow.

#### Deputy Mayor Brenda Donald

Dep Mayor wants to get to know all the agencies and learn about interests and priorities and how can work together to solve them.

Dr. Thompson was unable to attend SAC meeting because he is visiting Generations of Hope to bring intergenerational model to DC. Site will be at Walter Reed.

The Dep Mayor (DM) gave background of her career following SAC member introductions. This is her second time as DM. She was in charge of 10 agencies under Mayor Williams. Most recently she was the Director of the DC Child and Family Services agency. DM believes in equity, social justice, and providing opportunities to lead a fulfilling life. She is looking to “fill in gaps” of services.

DM is pleased with the Age Friendly focus because it is strategic, will fill in gaps and be thoughtful about funding and policies. DM stressed the importance of thinking long term. She is excited about “rich coalition” (SAC) of agencies who serving seniors. She is embracing the vision that has been laid out and is looking for new opportunities.

DM reported on “where we (DC) are”:

It is chaotic because of confirmation, oversight and budget time. Regarding the budget:

The DM is advocating for additional funds for HDM.

The DM reported on the budget process:

All the internal meetings with agencies have been completed and the agencies are refining their budgets. In the middle of March it is "pencils down" time. Agencies are being asked to come in with cuts, due to deficit of ~250 million projected for FY 16 budget.

At the end of Feb, the CFO will submit new projection. Current signs are that projection may not be as high as originally expected, will wait to see. That projection will be used to guide the budget.

The mayor's budget (delivered April 2) will have to balance with that revenue projection.

Every agency was asked to come in with cuts at 5, 6 and 8 percent. NOT going to do across the board cuts, not feasible.

The Mayor has priorities including the \$100 million housing production trust fund. Right now it has ~\$50 million. Other essential items in the budget include other priorities and things that have to be done.

All the agencies have presented their budgets with the various cuts, reporting that 8% is too deep. Each of the clusters (DM offices) will be meeting with their budget officers and looking at choices. They will try to balance the cuts within the cluster, but may not be possible.

The DM will meet with city admin next week.

The DM reported on the budget engagement forums (mayor). The Mayor scheduled them specifically before the budget is submitted to get residents feedback and introduce them to the

process. At the forum, everyone will break up into small groups, asking residents and stakeholders what would they cut in order to fund their priorities. The Mayor will deliver her budget April 2 and then the budget goes to council followed by hearings and negotiations. The budget will be settled early May/June.

Questions from the group to DM Donald

Will information from forums be sent to DM's and agencies?

DM: Yes, the Mayor charges her team to get out as much as possible so not just listening to staff.

Transportation concerns, Seabury needs more buses, will there be additional funding?

DM: It is important to think strategically, for people who can avail themselves to public transportation encourage them to use it so resources are used wisely. The Connector is for those who cannot use public. The plan is to look at broader context, in addition to adding money to Seabury. For example, look at the Village model to assist. Need to identify the gaps. Have conversations with Metro Access to coordinate services with Seabury.

Camile W: In FY14 capital increases funded 36 new vehicles. "We are victims of our own success" because the Connector service is free vs. Metro Access. DCOA is working on eligibility criteria to make sure servicing greatest need.

Marie G.: It is important to have city wide coordination of services; for example, creating a central transportation office. This is also an age friendly strategy.

DCOA has had conversations with Metro Access.

Ivan: Where is mayor on AFC?

DM: We are moving forward with it. The city plans to move forward thoughtfully. The AFC objectives are housed in agencies. Need to build in performance plans going forward by looking at and identifying metrics and baselines, and performance accountabilities.

Sally: SAC advocates for increased DCOA budget, advocacy trainings, and organizations working together. "We've come a long way"

DM: We have great advocates on the council. We see them as good allies.

Meeting concluded at 4:30