

**District of Columbia Commission on Aging
Draft Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

Commissioners Present

Guleford Bobo, Chairman; Vice Chair Carolyn Matthews, Barbara Hair, Jo Anne Hersh, Barbara Lee, Grace Lewis, Alice Love, Nancy Miranda, Mary Taylor

DACL Staff Present

Tanya Reid, Administrative Support Manager, Lance Holt, Staff Assistant

Ex Officio Members Present

Vivian Guerra, DDOT; Veronica Longstreth, DC Health

Guest Present

Tiffany Oscar, Cody Ugolini, Charlene Williams

- I. **Call to Order**
Guleford Bobo (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
The meeting minutes from the Commission's November 20th meeting were reviewed and approved without correction.

- III. **Presentations**
Laura Newland, Director, DACL. Talked about Home Delivered Meals and Safe-at-Home. Through FY19 for Safe-at-home, there were 3,000 in home adaptations, this program started FY16. 1,400 cameras have been installed for FY19 in home adaptations 1,162.00 individual households, 676 households received cameras.
 - Ward 1: 61 in home adaptations: 20 cameras installed
 - Ward 2: 19 in home adaptations: 2 cameras installed
 - Ward 3: 17 in home adaptations: 2 cameras installed
 - Ward 4: 203 in home adaptations: 122 cameras installed
 - Ward 5: 239 in home adaptations: 153 cameras installed
 - Ward 6: 126 in home adaptations: 44 cameras installed
 - Ward 7: 289 in home adaptations: 214 cameras installed
 - Ward 8: 213 in home adaptations: 119 cameras installed.

The projection for FY2020 is a similar amount. There are two different types of home delivery meal plans. Frozen Meal Delivery, this is done once every two weeks. The other plan is catered through Dutch Mill, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, you must be home to receive this, includes a hot meal and cold milk for the next day.

Director Newland mentioned that there is an inclement weather drill that is used for the meals: this includes checking the news for updates, reaching out to the executive

team, the communications team, reminding the grantees of their role. There are back up plans for each phase. Working on more volunteer base models, to make it more flexible.

Commissioner Hair asked if the clients for the frozen foods have meal options on what they can have. Director Newland's response, these are prepared meals. There were 3,500 home delivered meals to the clients in FY19. There were over 750,000 meals delivered for both programs.

Director Newland mentioned that she will be have a meeting with her internal staff to discuss ideas of additional things that can be done to prevent Senior Hunger Issues. Commissioner Love asked about the Safe-at-Home Program regarding the contractors being used. Director Newland's responded that the agency was liable, the work is insured, there are specific rules, and the requirements are lengthy. Chairman Bobo mentioned that on the grounds of St. Elizabeth there is a new shelter area designated for seniors who are part of the general population area.

IV. **New Business**

a. Testimony for the Oversight Hearing

Chairman Bobo said he will email a copy of last year's questions and responses for the oversight hearing to everyone. The Performance Hearing will be February 25th.

Vivian Guerra from DDOT mentioned that DDOT will have their Performance Hearing on January 28th. She also gave a handout for DDOT's Ward 5 Open House Safety Improvements, Trinidad Recreation Center February 8 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm.

Vice Chair Matthews mentioned that her handicapped parking sign in front of her house was placed incorrectly. Vivian said she would follow up.

V. **Committee Reports**

Chairman Bobo asked that Commissioners Love and Miranda follow up with DHCD for senior housing updates. Schedule housing as the first project. Commissioner Love suggested that we invite DC Housing Authority.

Commissioner Taylor mentioned that at Washington Senior Wellness Center there is a high volume of traffic, people are using this area as a short cut. Vivian said she would follow up.

Vice Chairman Matthews mentioned that at the Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center, there are no signs for the crosswalk, sometimes when cars park in the area, it is hard to cross the street.

Commissioner Love announced that the Women's Democratic Club received a grant to honor the 100 Year Old Seniors, this is the 100th Year of Women's Suffrage for Voting. This information would go to the Washingtonian Magazine.

Chairman Bobo, announced on November 8th the first senior assisted living facility in Ward 8 broke ground. It will hold 152 seniors. It is being built with healthcare funds

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm.

These minutes were recorded by Lance Holt, Staff Assistant, DC Department of Aging and Community Living and were formally approved by the Commission on Aging on xxxxxxxx.

Respectfully Submitted,

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