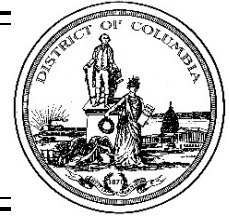


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OFFICE OF AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS
CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & EXECUTIVE
ADMINISTRATION



January 4, 2022

Deputy Mayor Wayne Turnage
Age Friendly DC Task Force
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 223
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Deputy Mayor Turnage:

The annual performance hearing for the Age Friendly DC Task Force is scheduled for **January 10, 2022, beginning at 9:00 AM in Zoom virtual platform**. The government witness(es) for the agency will testify following public testimony. Please plan to arrive in time to listen to the entirety of the public testimony presented with respect to the agency. Pursuant to Council rule 522(a), we ask all executive witness(es) to submit their hearing testimony 48 hours in advance of their performance oversight hearing.

Written pre-hearing questions for your agency are attached. So that I may make effective use of your responses, please provide your electronic responses in Microsoft Word and PDF format **by no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, January 3, 2022**.

If you feel that I could use additional information outside the scope of the attached questions, please feel free to include an additional written statement. If your office requires clarification of any of the attached questions, please contact Aimellia Siemson, General Counsel and Deputy Committee Director, at (202) 724-8153 or asiemson@dccouncil.us. Thank you in advance for your timely and comprehensive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ANITA BONDS".

Anita Bonds
At-Large Councilmember
Chairperson, Committee on Housing and Executive Administration

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Age-Friendly FY2022 PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT QUESTIONS

Responses to the FY2022 PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT QUESTIONS are in Calibri typeface, highlighted in this color. Responses are located below DC Council's requested information/questions.

I. Agency Specific

1. Please provide a full list of all the 2018-2023 Age-Friendly Task Force's members and their terms. For each member, please provide the following:

- The member's name
- Member's contact
- Member's duties
- The Ward, agency or organization the member represents
- Who appointed the member
- When the member's term expires
- The member's attendance record

→ See the table below for each Age-Friendly DC Task Force member's name, contact information.

→ The member's duties and responsibilities Task Force members meet all together twice each year. Task Force co-chairs, James Appleby, CEO of Gerontological Society of America and Wayne Turnage, Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services, each facilitate one meeting each year. There are four Task Force designated community relations leaders who advise the Task Force and any of its committees who seek their counsel. The other Task Force members are appointed based on the Age-Friendly DC Domain or Area of Inquiry in which s/he has knowledge and experience.

→ See table below for identification of who each member represents.

→ The Mayor has delegated Task Force member appointments to the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments.

→ Each Task Force member's term expires with the end of the Mayor's Establishment Order for the Age-Friendly DC Task Force, December 31, 2023.

→ See table below to view Age-Friendly DC Task Force meeting attendance

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Establishment Order Position Held	Community Member	DC Government Members	Name	Email
Outdoor Spaces & Buildings	x		Tama Duffy Day	tama.c
Outdoor Spaces & Buildings		x	Andrew Trueblood	Andrew
Outdoor Spaces & Buildings		x	John Falcicchio	John.fal
Transportation	x		Rachel Maisler	rmaisle
Transportation	x	x	Everett Lott	everett
Housing	x		Dr. Katrina Polk	katt@a
Housing		x	Theresa Silla	theresa
Housing		x	Drew Hubbard	drew.h
Social Participation	x		Winona Lake	wakese
Social Participation		x	Jackie Reyes-Yanes	Jackie.r
Respect & Social Inclusion	x		Ron Swanda	rswand
Respect & Social Inclusion		x	Mathew McCollough	mathev
Civic Participation & Employment				
Civic Participation & Employment		x	Judge (ret.) Mary Terrell	mary.te
Communication & Information	x		Susan Donley	susanro
Communication & Information		x	Lindsey Parker	lindsey
			Elizabeth Keeton	elizabe
Community Support & Health Services	x		Dr. Sandra Owens Lawson	sowens
Community Support & Health Services		x	Dr. Jacqueline Watson	jacquel
Emergency Preparedness & Resilience	x		Joseph Lenz	joseph
Emergency Preparedness & Resilience			Christopher Rodriguez	christo
Abuse, Neglect and Undue Influence	x		Denise Roper	dkrope
Abuse, Neglect and Undue Influence		x	Laura Zeilinger	laura.z
Financial Security	x		Susan Saunders McKenzie	susans
Financial Security			Karima Woods	karima

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Lifelong Learning	x		Romaine Thomas	mums
Lifelong Learning		x	Paul Kihn	paul.k
Public Safety				
Public Safety		x	Christopher Geldart	christo
Caregiving	x		Stacy Canan	stacy.c
Caregiving		x	Laura Newland	Laura.
Caregiving				
Community Relations - Business	x		Sean Barry	seanba
Community Relations - Academic		x	Brittany Branand	brittan
Community Relations - Philanthropy	x		Jennifer Olney	jolney
Co-chair	x		James Appleby	japple
Co-chair		x	Wayne Turnage	wayne

2. Please highlight the purpose of the Task Force, including the intent of this initiative and age groups served. Please also discuss whether the purpose has changed in the past year.

Age-Friendly DC is a comprehensive citywide effort working to bring generations together so that we can all age in good health and with purpose.

The purpose of the Task Force has not changed in the past year. The Age-Friendly DC Task Force continued to implement the Age-Friendly DC 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

3. Please provide a list of the Task Force’s meeting dates, times, attendance, and locations to date for 2018-2023. Please include information for each meeting within the Task Force’s domains.

Age-Friendly DC Task Force Meetings FY2021 and FY2022 First Quarter			
Name	Date/Time	Attendance (approximated except for Age-Friendly DC Task Force meetings listed in bold)	Location
Age-Friendly DC Summary	10/1/20, 12-1	21	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH (George Washington University Center for Aging Health)

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			and Humanities)
Pillar 1 Built Environment Overview	10/5/20, 12-1	13	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 1 Outdoor Spaces & Buildings	10/6/20, 12-1	6	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 2 Transportation	10/7/20, 12-1	21	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 3 Housing	10/8/20, 12-1	4	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older Overview	10/12, 12-1	15	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 4 Social Participation	10/13/20, 12-1	3	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 5 Respect & Social Participation	10/14/20, 12-1	4	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 6 Civic Participation & Employment	10/15/20, 12-1	6	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 7 Communication & Information	10/16/20, 12-1	4	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Pillar 3 Lifelong Health & Security Overview	10/19/20, 12-1	19	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 8 Community Support & Health Services	10/20/20, 12-1	17	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 9 Emergency Preparedness & Resilience	10/21/20, 12-1	5	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 19 Abuse, Neglect & Undue Influence	10/22/20, 12-1	7	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH

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Domain 11 Financial Security	10/26/20, 12-1	5	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 12 Lifelong Learning	10/27/20, 12-1	4	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 13 Public Safety	10/28/20, 12-1	3	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 14 Caregiving	10/29/20, 12-1	7	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Age-Friendly DC Task Force meeting	Nov 17, 2020 1-3 , follow the link embedded in the date to the Agenda	81 (includes Age-Friendly DC Task Force members, stand-ins and members of the public)	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 1 Outdoor Spaces & Buildings	?	3	Teleconference with chairs
Domain 2 Transportation	March 26, 2021, 12-1	7	Virtual Webex
Domain 3 Housing	April 7, 2021. 10-11	4	Virtual Teams
Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older	April 15, 2021 12-1	11	Virtual Teams
Domain 4 Social Participation	April 1, 2021 2-2:30	4	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 5 Respect & Social Inclusion	No scheduled meetings	3	Teleconference with co-chairs
Domain 6 Civic Participation & Employment	April 12 11-12		Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 6 Long Term Care Workforce Sub-Committee of the Civic Participation & Employment Task Force Committee	February 16, 2021 4-4:45 March 24, 2021, 2-2:45 March 31, 2021 12-1 April 8, 2021, 2:30-3	8 6 8 3	Teleconference Virtual Teams

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Domain 7 Communication & Information	Email exchange to develop slide content	5	Email
Pillar 3 Lifelong Health & Security	April 21, 2021, 12-1	11	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 8 Community Support & Health Services	Email exchange to develop slide content	4	Email
Domain 8 Nutrition Sub-Committee of the Community & Health Services Task Force Committee	February 26, 2021 2-3:30 March 23, 2021, 2-3:30 April 27, 2021, 2-3:30	9 7 12	Virtual Teams
Domain 9 Emergency Preparedness & Resilience	March 20, 2021 12-1	10	Microsoft Teams
Domain 10 Abuse, Neglect & Undue Influence	April 12, 2021, 4-5	13	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Domain 11 Financial Security	Email exchange to develop meeting slide	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 12 Lifelong Learning	Email exchange to develop meeting slide	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 13 Public Safety	Email exchange to develop meeting slide	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 14 Caregiving	Email exchange to develop Task Force meeting progress slide	Co-chairs	Email
Age-Friendly DC Task Force Meeting	<u>May 18, 2021, 1-3</u> , follow the link embedded	84 (includes Age-Friendly DC Task Force members, stand-ins and members of the public)	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH

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Domain 1 Outdoor Spaces & Buildings	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 2 Transportation	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	
Domain 3 Housing	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 4 Social Participation	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 5 Respect & Social Inclusion	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 6 Civic Participation & Employment	November 4, 2021	3	Virtual Teams
Domain 7 Communication & Information	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 8 Community Support & Health Services	October 29, 2021 10:30-11	9	Virtual Teams
Domain 9 Emergency Preparedness & Resilience	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email
Domain 10 Abuse, Neglect & Undue Influence	9/29/21 10/28/21 11/8/21 11/15/21	Co-chairs	Email

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Age-Friendly DC Task Force meeting	November 16, 2021 1-3 , follow the link embedded in the date to the Agenda	87, (includes Age-Friendly DC Task Force members, stand-ins and members of the public),	Zoom Hosted by GW CAHH
Age-Friendly DC Task Force Pillar 1 Built Environment meeting	December 1, 2021, 10-12	6	Microsoft Teams virtual meeting
Age-Friendly DC Task Force Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older meeting	December 2, 2021, 10-12	7	Microsoft Teams virtual meeting
Age-Friendly DC Task Force Pillar 3 Lifelong Health & Security meeting	December 3, 2021 1-3	12	Microsoft Teams virtual meeting

4. Please identify any progresses made towards the Age-Friendly DC 2023 Strategic Plan.

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Age-Friendly DC Task Force members invite you to review their FY2021 Year-End [shared reports](#), used by the Task Force to update one another on progresses.

5. Please provide a detailed list of all meeting dates and agenda conducted in FY21 and FY22 to date.

See table included in question 3. Agendas for all Age-Friendly DC Task Force meetings during FY21 and the first quarter of FY22 can be found here. Agendas for Age-Friendly DC domain meetings utilize the same format at every meeting, as follows:

- Introductions
- Review progress of Domain goals and strategies in preparation for upcoming Task Force meeting
- Instructions on preparing Powerpoint slides to present progress to other Task Force members prior to an upcoming Task Force meeting.

6. Please describe the activities executed and/or implemented by the Task Force in FY21 and FY22 to date.

Please review the [Age-Friendly DC Progress Report](#) released by Mayor Muriel Bowser in January 2021, which describes progress from FY2018 through the first quarter of FY2021.

In addition, Age-Friendly DC has been the driving force to achieve regional collaboration with other Age-Friendly jurisdictions in this Region. Age-Friendly DC partner, George Washington University Center for Aging Health and Humanities held two virtual seminars in FY2021. Speakers included several Age-Friendly DC Task Force members and partners.

- [Age-Friendly Ecosystems Summit May 4 and 5, 2021](#)
- [Age-Friendly AARP Social Innovation Challenges October 2021.](#)

7. What challenges have the 2018-2023 Task Force faced since its onset?

1. The name, "Age-Friendly DC," brings to most minds making life easier for people who are old now. The initiative is addressing lifelong aging from birth on. We try to overcome this challenge by using words carefully. However, we cause further confusion for ourselves and others by referring to some data sources that pertain to adults 50 and over, 60 and over or 65 and over.
2. Connecting City Administrator's DC Agency key performance indicators to Age-Friendly DC aims has become easier as time has passed and Age-Friendly DC has been embraced as a partner, but some agencies have not provided key performance indicators that demonstrate their work with Age-Friendly

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DC. Some community organization partners offer data to demonstrate progress, although most do not.

3. Integrating DC plans together that align aims. This year four plans can be cited as integrated:

- a. DC Comprehensive Plan 2021 Amendment
- b. DPR’s draft, ReadytoPlay Plan
- c. DDOT’s MoveDC Plan
- d. Olmstead Plan 2021-2024

Age-Friendly DC should connect with other related plans annually, but we have not done so in the last year. These plans include:

- a. DC Sustainability Plan
- b. Emergency Preparedness Plans
- c. DACL’s State Plan
- d. Healthy Aging 2030
- e. Numerous community organization plans that are partnering with Age-Friendly DC.
- f. This list could be longer to identify and coordinate actions that support Age-Friendly DC aims.

8. Please discuss the top 5 areas of concerns that have been received by Age-Friendly DC. Please also provide the following information:

- Scope of issues raised and its urgency
- Potential solutions identified
- Costs of implementing a solution
- Opportunities for improvement
- Demographics being impacted

Scope of Issues Raised & Its Urgency	Potential Solutions Identified	Costs of Implementing a Solution	Opportunities for Improvement	Demographics Being Impacted
Affordable Housing Urgency: High	Promotion of accessory dwelling units; homesharing Implementing Housing Equity Plan	\$5M in FY22 budget to educate	Homeowner awareness, identify/educate general contractors DMPED working with DHCD and DCRA	“House poor” residents, low-income residents

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<p>Safe Walkability Urgency: High</p>	<p>Vision Zero, control vehicle speeding</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>DDOT, MPD, public awareness and compliance with laws</p>	<p>All ages and abilities; more injuries and deaths occur in Wards 7 and 8 than elsewhere in DC</p>
<p>Employment of adults who need more income Urgency: High</p>	<p>DOES, WIC, Adult Charter Schools, Consortium of Universities of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Increase awareness of employment opportunities for low-income residents</p>	<p>More unemployed in Wards 5, 7 and 8</p>
<p>Care Coordination in Acute & Chronic Situations Urgency: High</p>	<p>Increase awareness of sources. Presently offered by DACL and DDS focus, DHCF, Services My Way, PACE, Villages, private contractors</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Readily accessible list of resources for all incomes</p>	<p>Residents who experience acute trauma or who have chronic ailments</p>
<p>Long Term Care careers Urgency: High</p>	<p>Recognition as essential workers, raise wages, testing ASAP after education</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Bubble diagram of possible careers beginning with entry level roles, rising by compensation to geriatric physicians, nurse</p>	<p>Residents seeking interesting next steps or more compensation for hours worked</p>

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			practitioners, LCSWs, assorted therapists, administrative roles	
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9. What role(s) does Age-Friendly DC have in improving food security, transportation, health, isolation, and outreach?

Food security – Age-Friendly DC Community Support and Health Services Task Force sub-committee on nutrition

- listen and share residents’ concerns,
- assemble DC agency and food delivery focused community leaders to devise strategies to inform residents, who do not know where their next meal will come from, how to connect with resources
- compare notes on assembling useful data.

Transportation – Age-Friendly DC Transportation Task Force members listen to residents’ concerns, then develop aims, goals and strategies in DDOT’s key performance indicators as well as adjust the MoveDC plan to address Age-Friendly DC Transportation aims, goals and strategies

Health – Age-Friendly DC Community Support and Health Services Task Force members listen to residents’ concerns, then develop aims, goals and strategies in DCHealth’s performance indicators as well as integrate Age-Friendly DC’s coordinator into related DCHealth work groups.

Isolation – Age-Friendly DC helped to identify pockets of residents who may be isolated. We introduced a mapping paradigm, developed by Ohio State researchers using Census and related data to pinpoint DC neighborhoods where low income, single, disabled, older adults reside.

Outreach – Age-Friendly DC has participated in events sponsored by partnering organizations as well as held listening events and information sharing events; all virtual since Covid restricted gatherings. Age-Friendly DC is asked to speak elsewhere about how Age-Friendly DC has structured its activities, engaged partners and acquired data.

10. What opportunities can Age-Friendly identify towards lifestyle improvements of District residents of all ages? These may include areas of nutrition, transportation, economic opportunities, housing, socialization, etc.

- **Pillar 1 Outdoor Spaces & Buildings, Domain 3 Housing - Promote ADUs for homeowners** – The Age-Friendly DC Task Force understands that constructing ADUs is possible for an increasing number of DC homeowners. The prospect of adding an ADU will seem daunting without promotion and awareness of the value and associated consequences. We know that the majority of DC residents

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will need more income later in life. In addition, in some cases having a renter available to help, could extend a resident's life at home.

- **Pillar 1 Outdoor Spaces & Buildings, Domain 3 Housing - Make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring** – Age-Friendly DC has a new Task Force member, the Executive Director of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), Theresa Silla. Another new Task Force member, Jennifer Olney, is the Age-Friendly DC Task Force community relations leader in philanthropy. Ms. Olney focuses on issues related to homelessness with the Community Foundation of Washington DC. Age-Friendly DC Task Force can be expected to strengthen its strategies to support ICH aims.
- **Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older, Domain 4 Social Participation - Encourage Lifelong Volunteerism (Engagement)** – We know from the federal agency, Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), that DC residents volunteer more as we age. CHCS does not track the total number of volunteers of all ages there are in DC. A study of DC volunteer contributions in faith-based communities, was completed in 1997. The aim of the Age-Friendly DC Task Force is to broaden that study to all volunteering in DC. We need a source of funding for that study to be completed.
- **Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older, Domain 4 Social Participation - Continue Hybrid Gatherings after COVID** – The Age-Friendly DC Task Force understands and appreciates the inclusiveness that has resulted from virtual meetings. While promoting in-person gatherings, the Task Force will support continuing hybrid meetings.
- **Pillar 3 Lifelong Health and Security, Domain 11, Financial Security - Incentivize Lifelong Savings** – The Age-Friendly DC Task Force is aware that saving for later years does not take priority over basics and even often extras in the present. The savings habit has to start early and stay steady. We need data to understand how many DC residents are saving. Many residents have told us that they do not have enough saved for the rest to their lives. Knowing how much is being saved, by demographic characteristics would help us to shape our message and strategies to promote saving. DC government joined the federal government by enrolling new employees in their own tax-deferred savings account. Of course employees can change that requirement and receive the pretax 5 percent deduction as income after a specified period of employment, but they don't. That is the first step to future savings.
- **Pillar 3 Lifelong Health and Security, Domain 14 Caregiving, - Support caregivers** – DC's Paid Family Leave benefit puts us ahead of many other jurisdictions in the nation. In DC in FY2021 many were able to take paid family leave with a new family member or to care for a relative or themselves. The opportunity to step away temporarily can improve the lifestyles of DC residents.

11. Please provide the total number of residents who provided feedback throughout the lifetime of the Task Force by Ward.

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Through the years, the total number of residents providing feedback continues to grow. Well over five thousand residents of all ages have been encouraged by Task Force members, volunteers and the Age-Friendly DC Coordinator to express opinions, attitudes and feelings. Task Force members are in contact with many residents professionally and personally. Speaking opportunities are welcomed. Time is always allotted for feedback and new ideas. In October 2021 George Washington University Center for Aging, Health and Humanities was funded by AARP to solicit moonshot ideas about Age-Friendly ideas about lifelong aging. Additionally, regular meetings focused on Age-Friendly DC aims, goals and strategies bring forward feedback with emphasis on groups in lower income areas.

12. How does the information gathered in each meeting translate into deliverable programs, services, or work products?

Through:

- Focus on Age-Friendly DC aims, goals and strategies in the Age-Friendly DC Strategic Plan and examining progress.
- Motivation to do more to address plan components.
- Synergies that result from Task Force members or observers sharing similar initiatives underway or contemplated by other agencies and/or organizations.

13. Please provide an overview of the primary areas of focus for the 2018-2023 Age-Friendly DC Task Force.

This slide sums up the work of the Age-Friendly DC Task Force.

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Using World Health Organization Guidance to *Transform DC into an easier city in which to grow Up and grow older*, the District is working hard to make planned changes.

With the advice of thousands of residents, the Age-Friendly DC Task Force presented the Mayor with a second Five-Year Strategic Plan in 2018.

By the end of 2023, the Age-Friendly Plan will have again consulted residents across DC to examine their views of progress. Thirty-eight DC agencies and hundreds of community organizations are doing their part of implement the plan.

The Age-Friendly DC Plan has three Pillars with several areas of focus, meant to achieve equity in lifelong aging for all.



Built Environment – *Outdoor Spaces & Buildings, Transportation, Housing*



Changing Attitudes about Growing Older – *Social Participation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, Communication & Information*



Lifelong Health and Security – *Community Support & Health Services, Emergency Preparedness & Resilience, Financial Security, Public Safety, Lifelong Learning, Caregiving*



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14. Please provide a detailed description of activities and/or meetings held by the Task Force with other agencies and/or groups. Please list, including dates and times:

- Activities and meetings with other DC Government Agencies – At least four times each year with 38 agencies. [See the Age-Friendly Two Year Progress Report for a list of agencies actively involved implementing goals and strategies.](#) There is an alphabetical list of agencies and the strategies the agencies are supporting starting on page 35, which continues into a list of community organizations that are our closest partners.
- Activities and meetings with the Department on Aging and Community Living – The Age-Friendly DC Coordinator meets monthly with the Chief of Staff.
- Activities and meetings with Commission on Aging – Two Task Force members or their stand-ins attend every meeting. The Age-Friendly DC Coordinator meets with the chair as needed.
- Activities and meetings with Senior Villages – Several Village members are part of Task Force Committees. The Age-Friendly DC Coordinator meets with Denise Snyder and other Village leaders as needed.

15. What are the Task Force's current measurable goals for FY22 and FY23?

See the [Age-Friendly DC Two Year Progress Report](#). Data updating progress for the first quarter of 2022 will be assembled by the end of January 2022.

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II. Racial Equity and Social Justice

16. Please list three opportunity areas, programs, or initiatives that Age-Friendly may facilitate to address racial inequity.

Generally every Pillar and the Domains within each Pillar have strategies that are likely to address racial equity. Here are three:

1. Promotion of Accessory Dwelling Units
2. Vision Zero
3. Workforce development focused on Wards 7 and 8 public housing

17. Please discuss whether there are any areas or programs that Age-Friendly has been successful in building racial equity in FY21 and FY22 to date. Please also include any shortcomings.

All of the actions cited by Age-Friendly DC Pillar and Domain in the list below are strategies in the Age-Friendly DC 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

Pillar 1 Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

1. **Outdoor Spaces & Buildings** – Promotion of access to public bathrooms
2. **Transportation** – Focus on walkability resulting from the Age-Friendly DC Block-by-Block Walk
3. **Housing** – Focus on intergenerational housing opportunities, including Plaza West and Genesis

Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older

4. **Social Participation** - Promotion of the Smithsonian Institution's [SeeMe Program](#) for residents with dementia and their caregivers, who learn and produce art together
5. **Respect & Social Inclusion** – Attention to changing attitudes about residents identifying as LGBTQ and supporting alignment with the new Olmstead Plan 2021-2024
6. **Civic Participation & Employment** – Promoting employment, particularly in long term care careers
7. **Communication & Information** - Support and promotion of [Tech Together](#); improving connectivity, distribution of tablets, tech training for all

Pillar 3 Lifelong Health & Security

8. **Community Support & Health Services** – Promoting [PACE \(Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly\)](#) and encouraging healthy food access by urging DC Hunger Solutions and AARP DC to publish an on-line and paper copy directory, [How to Get Food in the District of Columbia](#)

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9. **Emergency Preparedness & Resilience** – Promoting Certified Emergency Response Training (CERT) and encouraging the development of even more Villages throughout DC
 10. **Abuse, Neglect and Undue Influence** – Encouraging maintenance of data on victims and on prosecutions of offenders.
 11. **Financial Security** – Encouraging viewing of [“When I am 65”](#). Promoting tax-free savings for all DC employees.
 12. **Lifelong Learning** – Promoting free adult learning in DC’s OSSE and adult charter schools.
 13. **Public Safety** – Age-Friendly has not had an impact in this Domain. While robberies are not growing, street crimes are rising. Vision Zero has not yet prevented injuries caused by speeders and other inattentive behaviors.
 14. **Caregiving** – Supported and promoted DC’s Paid Family Leave program.
18. Please discuss one operational data point and one performance data point where you already collect race information or could collect such information.

Race data are collected by most agencies and many community organizations that are working with Age-Friendly DC. Thank you for the reminder that Age-Friendly DC should be more focused on reporting these data in our Age-Friendly DC reports, as evidenced by these statements.

Pillar 1 Built Environment

Domain 3 Housing – Homelessness

In Washington, DC, Black or African American make up 86.4 percent of the homeless population, while representing only 46.6 percent of our city's population. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, this imbalance is not improving over time.

Thanks to the Mayor, the Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director is now on the Age-Friendly DC Task Force. Age-Friendly DC has participated in the Point in Time counts and has followed the racial and age data that emerge each year. Expect that there will be collaborative actions in FY22 and beyond.

Pillar 2 Changing Attitudes about Growing Older

Domain 6 Civic Participation & Employment

[The DC Policy Institute](#), notes that disparities in employment and income are even starker in D.C. than in the nation as a whole. Nationally, the Black unemployment rate is two times the white unemployment rate; in D.C., the Black unemployment rate is **six times** the white unemployment rate. And Black residents in D.C. with a college degree are **three times more likely** to be jobless than their white peers with the same degree.

Age-Friendly DC’s work in Wards 7 and 8 public housing and beyond to recruit residents interested in long term care careers and more generally to encourage additional education as adults is aimed at these inequities.

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Pillar 3 Community Support & Health Services

Domain 8 Community Support & Health Services – Food Insecurity

The Black community consistently faces hunger at higher rates than whites due to social, economic, and environmental challenges. In 2020, 24% of Black individuals experienced food insecurity - more than three times the rate of white households.

As described in other responses, the Age-Friendly DC Community Support & Health Services sub-committee on nutrition is aware of and working to address food insecurity with information on where free food can be found and to identify proactively residents who are likely to be in need of meals.

19. How could Age-Friendly use race information for future programmatic decisions? Please include weaknesses and opportunities in including race for future decisions.

Please note that equity has always affected the judgement of the Age-Friendly DC Task Force in its advice to the Mayor regarding aims, goals and strategies to include in the Age-Friendly DC 2018-2023 Strategic Plan.

Speaking on behalf of the Age-Friendly DC Task Force, citing race information more frequently in our Domain reports could further demonstrate our focus on equity. Opportunities to highlight these data will underscore the actions of Mayor Bowser's administration and the DC Council.

20. In considering a racially equitable District of Columbia, please discuss the three ways that Age-Friendly would reflect such achievement.

See response to question # 18.

There are many more opportunities for Age-Friendly DC to highlight racial disparities. Thank you for the reminder to promote this information in our future publications.

21. Please list three metrics that Age-Friendly already uses or could use to measure progress towards racial equity.

See list in question # 18.