

D.C. Commission on Aging
Wednesday, April 18, 2022
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes Commissioners
- III. Presentations
 - a. DACL Laura Newland
Director
 - b. Lead Agency Updates
- IV. Ex-Officio Updates
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Governance
 - b. Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation
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- X. Adjournment

D.C. Commission on Aging
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.

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 - a. DACL Laura Newland
Director
 - b. Department of Behavioral Health Jean Moise
Deputy Director, Adult
Services
- IV. Ex-Officio Updates
- V. Committee Reports
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D.C. Commission on Aging
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.

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 - a. DACL Laura Newland
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 - b. Grandparents Against COVID Help Age International
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**D.C. Commission on Aging
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
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D.C. Commission on Aging
Wednesday, February 22 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes Commissioners
- III. Presentations
 - a. Meet and Greet Acting Director Charon Hines
- IV. Ex-Officio Updates
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Governance b. Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation
 - c. Transportation d. Education and Employment
 - e. Housing f. Information and Education
 - g. Health and Wellness
- VI. Ward Reports
- VII. New Business
 - a. Discuss Performance oversight and testimony
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Announcements
- X. Adjournment

D.C. Commission on Aging
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes Commissioners
- III. Presentations
 - a. DACL Garret King
Chief of Staff
 - b. Reverse Mortgage Discussion Idriys Abdullah
Consumer Protection Advocate
 - c. Real Property Tax Commission Gizachew Andargeh
- IV. Ex-Officio Updates
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 - a. Governance b. Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation
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**D.C. Commission on Aging
Draft¹ Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 22, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Present

Guleford Bobo, Chairperson; Carolyn Matthews Vice Chairperson; Gloria Whitfield; Maria Wilson; Barbara Hair; Barbara Lee; Nancy Miranda; Mary Taylor

DACL Staff Present

Laura Newland, Director; Jessica Smith, Chief Operating Officer; Tanya Reid, Administrative Support Manager, Antonette Dozier, Staff Assistant, Mark Bjorge, Community Outreach Specialist

Ex-Officio Members Present

Cesar Barreto, DDOT; Dr. Sheila Jones, DHS; Aimellia Siemson, Councilmember Bonds Office; Nana Bailey-Thomas, DDOT; Mary Terrell, DOES; David Quick, DCPL; Marion Speight, DPR

Community Members Present

Nicholas Weil, OpenGov; Heather Foote, Ward 2 Resident; Zachary Smith, DDOT

- I. **Call to Order**
Chairperson Bobo called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
Minutes were approved with correction.
- III. **Presentation(s)**
 - a. **DACL:** Director Laura Newland introduced DACL's new Chief Operating Officer Jessica Smith and took questions from the Commission.
 - i. Commissioner Lee asked about medical alert/id bracelets. Director Newland stated that it depends on the person's insurance company and offered to follow up if there was specific senior.
 - ii. Chairman Bobo asked about changes to the hearing support system and requested to have someone address the commission.

¹ The final (approved) meeting minutes will be posted on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, which is the Commission's next meeting date.

- iii. Vice Chairwoman Matthews had concerns about the Seabury Connect Card. Director Newland was aware that Seabury was dealing with some administrative challenges and is giving Seabury a few weeks to sort things out. She also encouraged seniors to continue to report about any issues they hear.
 - iv. Chairman Bobo asked about Safe-at-Home. He knows of senior who has issues filling out the forms. He also pointed out that some seniors may think the application is junk mail because it comes from Virginia. Director Newland asked him to email her the seniors information.
 - v. Vice Chairwoman Matthews discussed, at length, some of her frustrations with seniors getting housing. Director Newland stated that DACL will be working in FY22 to redesign the agency's systems to hopefully address some of Vice Chair Matthews issues. Director Newland also pointed out that some of the paperwork is a federal requirement. She also acknowledged that it can be challenging.
 - vi. Chair Bobo asked if Home Delivered Meals (HDMs) were scaling back. Director Newland responded that the agency is currently scaling back on HDMs. DACL has been communicating with seniors who receive HDMs, asking if they still need meal delivery or can they make to a site. Getting to a site is healthier because the seniors can interact with others. The goal of the HDM program is to service seniors who are homebound.
- b. Tanya Reid informed the Commission that Director Newland and DACL staff made deliveries to Centenarians and that the oldest centenarian was 114.
 - c. Mark Bjorge stated that Hayes Senior Wellness Center won Brain Games for the 2nd time.

IV. Ex-Officio Updates

- a. **DCPL:** David Quick informed the Commission that all DCPL branches were open, including eight sites with Sunday hours. Also, the MLK library is having an event on Saturday, September 25th. Chairman Bobo asked if meeting rooms were open. The answer is yes.
- b. **DPR:** Marion Speight, the new senior service division manager, stated she will be making rounds to welcome seniors back to DPR spaces. Fitness classes for seniors 55+ are open. Seniors can register through Rectrac. Also, DPR will be hosting a free "Harvest Excursion" to the Dutch Market in Delaware on October 20th. The bus will leave from Theodore Hagan Cultural Arts Center. Vice Chair Matthews asked about increased access to the pools for seniors. Ms. Speight stated she would speak with the aquatics team.

- c. **DC Council:** Aimelia Siemson informed the Commission that Council will return from recess on October 1st. Commissioner Wilson thanked Aimelia for responding to her email
- d. **DDOT:** Nana Bailey-Thomas introduced Zachary Smith, the new equity and accessibility program analyst. Chairman Bobo asked for an update on the island near his. Mr. Smith will follow up with him. Commissioner Wilson asked about getting speed bumps at 13th and Arkansas NW. Mr. Barreto suggested calling 311 to submit a Vision Zero Traffic Assessment. Vice Chairwoman Matthews stated people were blocking the crosswalks near Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center. Mr. Barreto will reach out to safe school coordinator.
- e. **DHS:** Dr. Jones stated Pep-V sties were in demobilization phase. DHS is doing exits into support housing, rapid rehousing, or target affordable housing.
- f. **DOES:** Chairman Bobo asked Judge Terrell about a news report he heard, stating that the federal government was giving money for home health aides and there were over 800,000 seniors in need of an aide. He asked if there have issues with hiring aides in DC. Judge Terrell informed the Commission that DOES worked Trinity College on a pilot program over the summer that trained Community Healthcare workers. The program targeted residents of wards 7 and 8.

V. **Public Comment**

Heather Foote informed the Commission that at the Department for Hired Vehicles, if a person had Metro Access the fare would go up \$2 and rides would be limited to 10 one-way trips to any destination the District. The trip limit did apply to dialysis appointments. Also, Ward 7 has a new Circulator route scheduled to launch in 2023.

VI. **Old Business**

- a. Chairman Bobo readdressed issues with the Department of Housing and Community Development. He stated it has taken a senior 4 years (2 to get accepted and 2 to get the help) to get help from DHCD's Single Family Rehab program. While the senior waited his house continued to deteriorate. Chairman Bobo reached out to Danilo Pelletiere for help but wanted to point out that there could be many other seniors facing the same issues. The commissioners suggested the Eleanor Holmes Norton, Councilmember Bonds, and others should visit some these homes to get first-hand knowledge of the conditions.
- b. The Commissioners will meet separately to determine nominees for the Chair position.

VII. **Old Business**

- a. Chairman told the commissioners about his experience getting a copy of his vaccination card. The process was online, which may be a challenge for seniors.

- b. Chairman Bobo also invited the Commissioners and the Ex-Officio members to join the Ward 8 Mini Commission as they visit IONA's Washington Home Center at 3303 Stanton Rd. SE on September 29th at 11am.
- c. Chairman Bobo also recommends that every ward have a mini commission.
- d. Tanya Reid informed the Commission that once MOTA sends out a notice to two Commissioners who exceeded their terms, there will be seven vacancies on the Commission.
- e. The Commission would like to invite someone from Housing and Urban Development to their meeting.

VIII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am

These minutes were recorded by Tanya Reid, Administrative Support Manager, DC Department of Aging and Community Living, and were formally approved by the Commission on Aging on XXXX.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanya Reid
Administrative Support Manager
DC Department of Aging and Community Living

**D.C. Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Present

Guleford Bobo, Chairperson; Carolyn Matthews, Vice Chairperson; Maria Wilson; Heather Foote; Nancy Miranda; Barbara Lee; Hattie Pierce

DACL Staff Present

Laura Newland, Director; Jessica Smith, Chief Program Officer; Garret King, Chief of Staff; Tanya Reid, Administrative Support Manager; Lance Holt, Staff Assistant; Mark Bjorge, EAC

Ex-Officio Members Present

Danilo Pelletiere, DHCD; Dr. Sheila Jones, DHS; Zach Smith, DDOT; Aimellia Siemson, DC Council

- I. **Call to Order**
Chairperson Bobo called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
March meeting minutes were approved.

- III. **Presentations**
Laura Newland: DACL Mayor Bowser's Budget of \$66,000,000 for FY23 has been submitted to the Counsel. Laura announced that she will be leaving the agency at the end of May. Jessica Smith, Chief Program Officer will be working with Laura on the upcoming transition. The agency has grown from 66 people to 120 people. The agency is the strongest it's ever been, and she's confident it will be left in good hands. Jessica added that she's humbled to be in this position and is eager to learn more from the staff and the community. Commissioners Bobo, Matthews, Miranda, Wilson, Pierce, all expressed their gratitude to Laura for all that she has done.

IV. Ex-Officio Updates

Aimellia Siemson: Councilmember Anita Bonds Councilmember Cheh and her Committee transferred money to Councilmember Bonds for the funding of \$500,000 for a feasibility study of Wards 2 and 3, for a brick-and-mortar site of a wellness center. It must go for a full council vote. Also funding for other programs as well, the total amount is one million transfers into the committee for DACL. Chairmen Bobo stated he spoke with Councilmember Bonds, he brought to her attention that some of the senior buildings are not being maintained as they should be. The tenants are having issues. Vice Chairperson Matthews added that some of the slumlords for the senior buildings should be reported to the US Attorney's Office.

Danilo Pelletiere: DHCD Per the Mayor's Budget there is additional funding for the single parent rehab program, as well as additional changes and allowances for housing. The HPAP Program along with the Heir's Property Program. This will allow low-income families to be able to resolve and retain the family home without a will. There will be an additional \$500,000,000 for housing preservation housing production trust fund. The month of May will start the homeowner's assistance fund, which is a pilot program, East of the River for condo owners, that will help, families, individuals who are behind on their property taxes, and mortgages due to Covid impact. Dhcd.dc.gov/haf. Mayor Bowser has started a strike force, regarding issues that might come up for people, questions, how to maintain a home. <https://dmped.dc.gov/page/homeownership>.

Dr. Shelia Jones: DHS One of the PEP-V sites will be closing May 6th, the persons from that site will be moved to one of the three other sites. The main clients who have not been placed in housing placement will be moved to Skyline, Arboretum or Fairfield.

Zach Smith: DDOT The next Open Street event will be May 21st, 9:00am to 1:00pm on Martin Luther King Jr., Ave. SE. The long-range transportation guide for the next 10 years for the agency was approved by the Mayor in December 2021. Zach will have an update in an upcoming meeting. Heather Foote asked if the Circulator was still scheduled to return to Ward 7 in 2023. Zach replied yes. Vice Chairperson Matthews asked about the 700 Block of Quebec Place NW and Rock Creek Church in the alley area. It needs to have someone do an inspection. Zach said he would follow up. Commissioner Whitfield requested Zach to investigate having a speed bump put in the 1700 block of Savannah Street SE. Zach said he would request a traffic safety inspector to come to that location.

V. Ward Reports

Ward 1: Commissioner Miranda met with the director of the Vida Senior Center, which is mostly Spanish speaking people, the issue remains that it is not big enough to service

the seniors. There are over 5,000 Spanish speaking seniors in the area. Their main goal is to acquire a building to accommodate the size.

Vice Chairperson Matthews stated they had people from the Internet Connectivity Program, in which you can qualify for a reduction of \$20 to \$30 on your internet bill. The website is ACP.Org, seniors can print out the application, it will show you the participating companies that are involved. Also, the 600 Block of Newton Place NW near Georgia Avenue, she and the ANC Commissioner, we have a petition for the school Parkview to install speed bumps. The sign says that the speed limit is 15mph between 7am and 6pm DDOT is already aware of this and hopefully this will be installed next week.

Ward 4: Maria Wilson stated that Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, 4704 13th Street NW, will provide Covid 19 Booster Shots everyday except Sunday from 9am to 8pm. She is also running for Ms. Senior DC.

Ward 5: Barbara Lee stated that there will be a Senior Queens a Mother's Day event on May 6th at 11:00am to 1:00pm at Lasalle Playground in Riggs Park.

Hattie Pierce stated that she is working with doctors to provide COVID booster shots in senior buildings in the ward. She'd also like to have someone from DDOT to come to 3298 Ft. Lincoln Drive NE to look into the traffic situation of this development.

Ward 8: The Arc, 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE gives out food every Wednesday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Also, the Giant Supermarket, 1535 Alabama Avenue SE be providing booster shots.

VI. **Public Comment**

Heather Foote stated that she would contact Zach Smith regarding better information for the people East of the River about the changes for the Vision Zero Program, to explain the public safety concerns. Vice Chairperson Matthews added that it is being reported that there may be dedicated bus lanes going down Georgia Avenue. She believes there is not enough space for this to happen.

Mark Bjorge announced the Senior Fest will be May 25 at the Gateway Pavilion SE 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

VII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:26am.

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 XXXX.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lance Holt
Staff Assistant
DC Department of Aging and Community Living

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DACL Staff Present

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

Ex-Officio Members Present

Cesar Barreto, DDOT, Amelia Siemson, from Councilmember Bonds Office; Danilo Pelletiere, DHCD, Dr. Sheila Jones, DHS, Marion Speight, DPR, David Quick DCPL, Zach Smith DDOT

I. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bobo called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

January meeting minutes were approved.

III. **Presentations**

a. **Tanya Reid: DACL**

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b. **Dr. Jean Moise: DBH**

Dr. Moise is the Deputy Director for Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), overseeing all the adult services as well as government operations to adults in the community. Dr. Moise provided a power-point presentation of the functions of DBH. The Mission, Vision, and Initiative. We facilitate a community where

prevention and recovery from Mental Health and Substance Abuse, in which we provide the district residents their ability to achieve their maximum potential for recovery. He also addressed the challenges of Covid 19. There has been an increase of depression, anxiety, fear and sometimes suicidal thoughts.

Regarding focusing the needs of service for seniors. The number of adults served for FY21 was 9,904, total number of services rendered was 15,028. Regarding the DBH services and supports. The agency offers a 24-hour mental health pipeline triage for anyone, which is staffed by behavior clinicians, health clinicians. 24-hour Suicide Prevention Lifeline. There is also an urgent care clinic for adults and children. DBH also offers a Community Response Team, it involves homeless outreach, diversion program, community crisis. This is a 24/7 service.

DBH provides in-house at various locations, throughout the city, but most of our services are provided through the network of certified behavior providers.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the mobile unit and how it is deployed and the types of services that are included. Dr. Moise's informed the Commission that DBH had a 40 Foot Mobile Van, the primary focus is outreach education. The staff goes to hot spots of overdose usage and engages with the community. It's primarily drug and opioid treatment and innovation prevention. It's generally used for outreach.

Chairman Bobo asked about DBH's relationship with DC Jail. Dr. Moise's responded that this was a national trend, between 50 and 70% of the people in jail have a mental health issue. Bob additionally asked what kind of treatments are they receiving in jail and what kind of treatment are they receiving once they are released. The Department of Corrections provides that information and assistance.

Chairman Bobo also asked about housing. Dr. Moise's responded that DBH provides vouchers and pay for 70 percent of the representation for people who need housing and have mental health issues. Making sure that they receive the support. The housing is privately owned and operated. DBH contracts with the operators, we oversee and certify them.

Commissioner Wilson asked what the procedure was if someone calls the suicide hotline, what is their follow through. Dr. Moise's responded, that DBH goes through a protocol, ask the callers certain questions, because they may just want to talk, DBH does have repeat callers. They relate to their community provider.

Depending on the situation, the community response team may be deployed to the location.

IV. **Ex-Officio Updates**

Zach Smith, DDOT: The Multi Mobile Accessibility Advisory Council is still looking for new members, the position advises DDOT on how to make it more accessible with people with disabilities

David Quick, DCPL: March 1st, the libraries will return to in person services.

Dr. Shelia Jones, DHS: We are still in the mobilization phase. We have placed over 400 individuals in some form of housing, many are older adults.

Aimellia Siemson, CM Bonds: Budget Oversight Hearings begin on March 21st, If you need any assistance; you can contact CM Bonds directly. The Committee on Housing and Executive Administration committee has an Performance Oversight Hearing on February 25th, with the Office of the City Administrator, Senior Advisor, Executive Office of the Mayor, The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel.

V. **Committee Reports**

Chairman Bobo brought up Elderly Abuse and Exploitation. The US Attorney's Office has a program called Scams Against Seniors on Zoom and YouTube February 28th at 12:00pm. An email flyer will be sent out with the details of this event. Also, I was in a Zoom Meeting with OCTO in which the hot spot I was using no longer worked with 3G. The cell phone provider only uses 5G. His concern was that there are a lot of seniors that have medical alert bracelets that work with 3G. He questioned how can those alerts to reflect 5G accessibility.

VI. **Ward Reports**

Ward 4: Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, 4704 13th Street NW is a Covid Testing site. Suggesting we do a zoom meeting regarding the home health aides and caregivers with the board of nursing, to inform us why it is taking so long, since October for people who have graduated why they are not able to take the test. The DC Board of Nursing has outsourced the test, would like to check on the status. I have spoken with DC Homecare Partners Caregivers Institute, there are applications available if you are already a caregiver.

Ward 5: If anyone is having difficulty with getting their Covid shot, let me know.

Ward 7: Any senior or their caregiver can pick up food from the Arc on Wednesday's from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE.

Ward 8: There is a new senior assisted living facility called Livingston Place, 4656 Livingston Road SE. Dr. Jones said she will send to Chairman Bobo a list of the five existing assisted living facilities in the district, and their points of contact. Tanya said she would forward a housing packet to Chairman Bobo. It's a listing of housing, in which the senior would have to make the contacts on their own.

VII. **Community Reports**

Heather Foote: Shared Advanced Service DC Neighborhood Connect which is a contracting taxi company run by the Department for Higher Vehicles. One of the problems are how much information is accessible online as opposed to people who do not have cell phones or computers. There is confusion regarding the operation status in Ward 8. I testified before the Oversight Hearing raising concerns/issues. When calling for the service, be specific and ask for DC Connect and get into the van with the free service. The issue is better training for the dispatchers and the drivers. The must be accessible for people that do not have smartphones. DC Connects operates out of Ward 7, so a meeting has been scheduled at the Town Hall on Wednesday March 1, at the Congress Heights Wellness Center, so the seniors can have a better insight into the program.

VIII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

**D.C. Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 22, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Present

Guleford Bobo, Chairperson, Maria Wilson, Heather Foote, Nancy Miranda, Mary Terrell, Mary Wilson

DACL Staff Present

Jessica Smith, Interim Director, Tanya Reid, Administrative Support Manager, Lance Holt, Staff Assistant

Ex-Officio Members Present

Danilo Pelletiere, DHCD, Zach Smith DDOT, Viven Grayton

- I. **Call to Order**
Chairperson Bobo called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
May meeting minutes were approved.

- III. **Presentations**
Jessica Smith: DACL: Mayor Bowser announced that Jessica would be the Interim Director. Jessica mentioned that this is the best time to work with grantees for FY 2022 and to plan for FY2023. To provide feedback, questions or concerns. The Senior Symposium will be June 22nd at Ballou High School, this will be our biggest event for the summer. We will continue to have other community events for the next few months. Chairperson Bobo brought up the issue of mail delivery problems in his community, it could take between 2-3 for mail to go from point to another. Some people are not receiving their medications and the Safe at Home Applications are being delayed. Jessica said that she would investigate what options are available, such as email or having the applications brought to a particular location. Jessica said she would follow up with the team. Chairperson Bobo also reminded Jessica about transportation for the seniors to the wellness centers. This is due to fear of riding public transportation around the city for some seniors. Maybe this can be introduced into the FY2023 Budget. Jessica asked about the use of the connector cards as an option. Chairperson Bobo says that the provided transportation would be helpful for the seniors who have a way to engage socialize and feel secure, no isolation. Jessica said that she would have a conversation with the grantees

about the transportation options. Heather added that there is a second vendor added, Yellow Cab for the Connector Card request. Chairperson Bobo mentioned that at several of the polling sites on Election Day June 21st, issues: locked doors, elevator problems. He also suggested that maybe there should be a prior inspection of these sites before the poles open to prevent possible issues. Also suggesting this be recommended to the Council. Jessica said that she would investigate this and present the findings to the Board of Elections. Chairperson Bobo also wanted to thank DPR for all their service and support with helping seniors for the past few months.

Working well with Terrific Inc and East of the River along with our grantees. Jessica mentioned that Garret and Tanya have been leading the effort on the wellness center for Ward 8 and they have the updated information. They have been working with the community engagement and the architects to compile the feedback. Once finished, it will be presented to the folks from all the sessions.

Chairperson Bobo thanked DDOT for installing the safety islands in the middle of Naylor Road SE. He also commented that he has visited the wellness centers and not many complaints, he likes the direction that things are going. Jessica said she will pass on that sentiment to the senior center directors.

IV Ex-Officio Updates

Danilo Pelletiere: DHCD The Homeowners Assistance Fund is available citywide. We can assist with mortgage, condo fees, back taxes, internet and a variety of other things for homeowners. This is based on some type of impact from Covid 19 and or 100% below the medium family income. For those who are not tech savvy, our housing counselors will be able to assist. This is an ongoing program, but the funds are limited to 50 million Dollars. The website for the applications is <https://haf.dc.gov/>

Zach Smith: DDOT There will be two public engagement meetings next week Regarding the changes on Connecticut Avenue. This includes lane changes, the slowing down of speed, insulation of the bicycle lanes. June 28 from 9:00am to 11:00am, this is virtual. June 29th 6:00pm to 8:00pm at UDC. I will also be at the Senior Symposium June 28th.

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Adjournment: 10:40am

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Regarding focusing the needs of service for seniors. The number of adults served for FY21 was 9,904, total number of services rendered was 15,028. Regarding the DBH services and supports. The agency offers a 24-hour mental health pipeline triage for anyone, which is staffed by behavior clinicians, health clinicians. 24-hour Suicide Prevention Lifeline. There is also an urgent care clinic for adults and children. DBH also offers a Community Response Team, it involves homeless outreach, diversion program, community crisis. This is a 24/7 service.

DBH provides in-house at various locations, throughout the city, but most of our services are provided through the network of certified behavior providers.

Commissioner Wilson inquired about the mobile unit and how it is deployed and the types of services that are included. Dr. Moise's informed the Commission that DBH had a 40 Foot Mobile Van, the primary focus is outreach education. The staff goes to hot spots of overdose usage and engages with the community. It's primarily drug and opioid treatment and innovation prevention. It's generally used for outreach.

Chairman Bobo asked about DBH's relationship with DC Jail. Dr. Moise's responded that this was a national trend, between 50 and 70% of the people in jail have a mental health issue. Bob additionally asked what kind of treatments are they receiving in jail and what kind of treatment are they receiving once they are released. The Department of Corrections provides that information and assistance.

Chairman Bobo also asked about housing. Dr Moise's responded that DBH provides vouchers and pay for 70 percent of the representation for people who need housing and have mental health issues. Making sure that they receive the support. The housing is privately owned and operated. DBH contracts with the operators, we oversee and certify them.

Commissioner Wilson asked what the procedure was if someone calls the suicide hotline, what is their follow through. Dr. Moise's responded, that DBH goes through a protocol, ask the callers certain questions, because they may just want to talk, DBH does have repeat callers. They relate to their community provider.

Depending on the situation, the community response team may be deployed to the location.

IV. **Ex-Officio Updates**

Zach Smith, DDOT: The Multi Mobile Accessibility Advisory Council is still looking for new members, the position advises DDOT on how to make it more accessible with people with disabilities

David Quick, DCPL: March 1st, the libraries will return to in person services.

Dr. Shelia Jones, DHS: We are still in the mobilization phase. We have placed over 400 individuals in some form of housing, many are older adults.

Aimellia Siemson, CM Bonds: Budget Oversight Hearings begin on March 21st, If you need any assistance; you can contact CM Bonds directly. The Committee on Housing and Executive Administration committee has an Performance Oversight Hearing on February 25th, with the Office of the City Administrator, Senior Advisor, Executive Office of the Mayor, The Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel.

V. **Committee Reports**

Chairman Bobo brought up Elderly Abuse and Exploitation. The US Attorney's Office has a program called Scams Against Seniors on Zoom and YouTube February 28th at 12:00pm. An email flyer will be sent out with the details of this event. Also, I was in a Zoom Meeting with OCTO in which the hot spot I was using no longer worked with 3G. The cell phone provider only uses 5G. His concern was that there are a lot of seniors that have medical alert bracelets that work with 3G. He questioned how can those alerts to reflect 5G accessibility.

VI. **Ward Reports**

Ward 4: Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ, 4704 13th Street NW is a Covid Testing site. Suggesting we do a zoom meeting regarding the home health aides and caregivers with the board of nursing, to inform us why it is taking so long, since October for people who have graduated why they are not able to take the test. The DC Board of Nursing has outsourced the test, would like to check on the status. I have spoken with DC Homecare Partners Caregivers Institute, there are applications available if you are already a caregiver.

Ward 5: If anyone is having difficulty with getting their Covid shot, let me know.

Ward 7: Any senior or their caregiver can pick up food from the Arc on Wednesday's from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. 1901 Mississippi Avenue SE.

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VII. **Community Reports**

Heather Foote: Shared Advanced Service DC Neighborhood Connect which is a contracting taxi company run by the Department for Higher Vehicles. One of the problems are how much information is accessible online as opposed to people who do not have cell phones or computers. There is confusion regarding the operation status in Ward 8. I testified before the Oversight Hearing raising concerns/issues. When calling for the service, be specific and ask for DC Connect and get into the van with the free service. The issue is better training for the dispatchers and the drivers. The must be accessible for people that do not have smartphones. DC Connects operates out of Ward 7, so a meeting has been scheduled at the Town Hall on Wednesday March 1, at the Congress Heights Wellness Center, so the seniors can have a better insight into the program.

VIII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

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Meeting Minutes
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VI Adjournment: 11:57am

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**D.C. Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 28, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Present

Guleford Bobo, Chairperson, Maria Wilson, Gloria Whitfield, Mary Taylor, Barbara Lee

DACL Staff Present

Jessica Smith (Interim Director), Garret King (Chief of Staff), Antonette Dozier (Staff Assistant)

Ex-Officio Members Present

Zach Smith DDOT, Vivien Grayton

I. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bobo called the meeting to order at 11:49 am. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

August meeting minutes were approved. Minutes were accepted.

III. **Presentations**

Jessica Smith, Interim Director, DACL:

Interim Director Smith discussed that fiscal year 23 is right around the corner starts October 1st and DACL is in the final days of fiscal year 22. DACL Programs and Budget team is working hard with our grantee network to tie up any loose ends from fiscal year 2022. Solidify their plans for the new fiscal year. DACL is really excited to start acting on our enhancements that we received from the Mayor's Office for Fiscal year 2023, including Safe at Home 2.0, Grocery Gift Card Pilot, which will launch in November. DACL is putting the final touches on that pilot now and the Social Connectivity Program for our homebound seniors, where we're providing them with iPads and a virtual dining site and virtual programming, also excited to announce that launching October 1st and we'll send the link around to this on October 1st.

DACL also created a new app that people can use on their phones on their iPads and it's simple to use. Residents can tune into the virtual dining site using that app to all the virtual programs that the agency has, they'll be able to access those easily through our app.

There's a chat function, so residents will be able to easily chat with their nutritionist, ask a question, there's a button so they can directly call our information and referral line as well as 311 and our tech specific hotline. The agency is really excited about just another channel to be able to communicate with people, particularly our homebound seniors.

Interim Director Smith also mentioned October 11th hearing on senior nutrition and well-being legislation from CM Bonds at 10 AM. This is legislation based off the "No Senior Hungry Bill." It has several components, data, and a task force to help advise us on how to reach out and check on homebound seniors on a regular basis, outreach standards as well, quarterly mailers to go out. The Council also wants to create an advisory group to work with the COA regarding senior issues. So, instead of the mayor speaking on this it will be the Council.

Interim Director hosted questions from the Commission on Aging.

Chairperson asked what population will benefit from this Grocery Card Program. The total number is 450 seniors that will benefit. It is really for those who may fall between the gaps. They may be on the Snap program but not on other programs. The amount provided on the card is \$125.00 per month and this is the amount we are spending now for home delivered meals. So, if they can cook a home meal then we will offer them this option and they will be a member of the Grocery Card Program. He also brought up issues with chairs for the Senior Wellness Center later in the meeting. DACL will be looking into that issue.

Commissioner Wilson asked about \$125 for the grocery card and the agency clarified its like Connector Card where you can spend \$125 per month with rollover with funds you don't spend and a \$300 cap. It's a VISA based card you can use at grocery stores.

Interim Director also mentioned starting October 1st, Yellow Cab Company will be managing connector card instead of Seabury. Operations will not change for the Connector Card. Residents who currently have connector card, it won't affect them at all. Seniors shouldn't see any difference on their end besides the card they'll be given a physical different card. If residents have questions about they can always reach out DACL.

Chairperson brought up complaints regarding the Taxicab drivers per Ms. Matthews. DACL asked the Commissioners to reach out to Yellow Cab and flag for DACL. The Commission also brought up group trips, which will be handled by the wellness centers.

IV Ex-Officio Updates

Aimellia Siemson, CM Bonds Office.

Mentioned the same legislation the Interim Director Smith discussed and that it was a separate bill that what CM Cheh introduced and if anyone was interested to sign up at housing@theseaccounts.gov.

CM Bonds also introduced two other bills back in June regarding guardianship removal for bad guardians, which is with CM Allen's office, which might have a hearing in the Fall and legislation establishing a monthly payment plan for property taxes that are not mortgaged.

To the lead agency there and see if they reallocated funding for something else, I'm not sure.

V. Adjournment: 12:55

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**D.C. Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Present

Guleford Bobo, Chairperson, Maria Wilson, Hattie Pierce, Carolyn Matthews, Charles Hicks, Gloria Whitfield, Mary Taylor, Barbara Lee

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DACL Staff Present

Jessica Smith (Interim Director), Garret King (Chief of Staff), Jacob Wong (Chief Operating Officer), Estefani Legge (Staff Assistant)

Ex-Officio Members Present

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I. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Bobo called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He began the meeting with a moment of silence.

II. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

October meeting minutes were approved. Minutes were accepted.

III. **Presentations**

A. Jessica Smith, Interim Director, DACL:

Director Smith introduces Jacob Wong, new Chief Operating Officer (COO). Preparing for fiscal FY24 – Feb 8th Senior Budget Engagement Forum, seniors can advocate for what they want to see included in this budget. There will be other engagement forums. After budget engagement session Mayor will make decision regarding budget, each senior wellness center will host their own budget forum between February and April. In the Future of Aging project transportation has been a priority expressed by seniors. Through Future of Aging, it will be prioritized for budget submission. Safe at Home 2.0 was launched this month of January, seniors can still get home modifications, the expansion will include the other 3 CDC fall risk factors: vision screening. Medication management, balance and strength training classes which will be offered virtually and in-person at senior wellness center which will also be available to all seniors not only those enrolled in Safe at Home. Seniors can sign-up to become instructors, DACL will assist with certification. In senior wellness centers which already have tai chi, there will be an extension of classes.

Commissioner Matthews expresses that there are issues with DOE process. Jessica requests complaints and feedback on writing. Food4Choice started in November for 450 seniors. We are getting a lot of positive feedback about the program. We did a pre-test to track the health and mental health benefits in the program, seniors are participating in nutrition classes in senior wellness centers. We would like to expand this program in the future. Food Access tool is currently being developed for seniors to figure out where they get the food they need. DACL is working with a lot of community partners to better coordinate and navigate food access with the community.

People don't understand how to use the connector card. Commissioner Matthews: we need pilot programs in each ward. Age Friendly Nutrition Task Force, Performance Oversight Hearing date March 3rd – Commissioners are welcome to testify. Chuck Hicks asks if we can advocate for more money for food card program?

Commissioner Bobo: Requested list of senior housing.

Commissioner Bobo inquires about the Connector Card system, Heather recommended an ad on the Beacon listing a Step by Step of the program.

10:49am Interim Director exits meeting.

B. Mr. Jermaine Matthews, Supervisory Code and Vector Inspector – DC Health

The Rodent and Vector Control Division is responsible for inspecting conditions that attract rats and signs of rodent activity. It educated residents and businesses in the District in the importance of proper trash disposal and trash container maintenance. It works routinely with other DC agencies in the rodent population and continually develops new initiatives in mitigating the public health issues caused by rodents.

Conditions that attract rats are but not limited to: grass overgrowth, thrown but not properly disposed furniture, abandoned vehicles, improper trash disposal and overflow. Those present harbor conditions for rodents to thrive. Rodent activity is determined by gnaw marks and holes in trash containers, burrows, sebum marks, runways, etc.

Some of the initiatives for 2023 to combat rodent infestation include: treatment, education and outreach, sanitation and daily monitoring of areas heavily saturated with restaurants.

Complaints regarding unaddressed infestations can be made to the Department of Buildings.

C. Sally White – PACE Program

PACE came to existence after advocating to the District for over 20 years. It's a partnership between Medicare and Medicaid. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provides medical and social services to eligible elderly residents. A team of health care

professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care across both Medicare and Medicaid benefits. For most PACE participants, PACE services enable them to remain in the community rather than receive care in a nursing home. Edenbridge is the company that's going to be running the pace program and the center will be at Skyland, the main center. The program is for people who are 55 and over who can with a lot of support, safely stay in the community in their homes.

The program is currently open to seniors in wards 7 & 8 (ZIP codes 20019, 20020, and 20032)

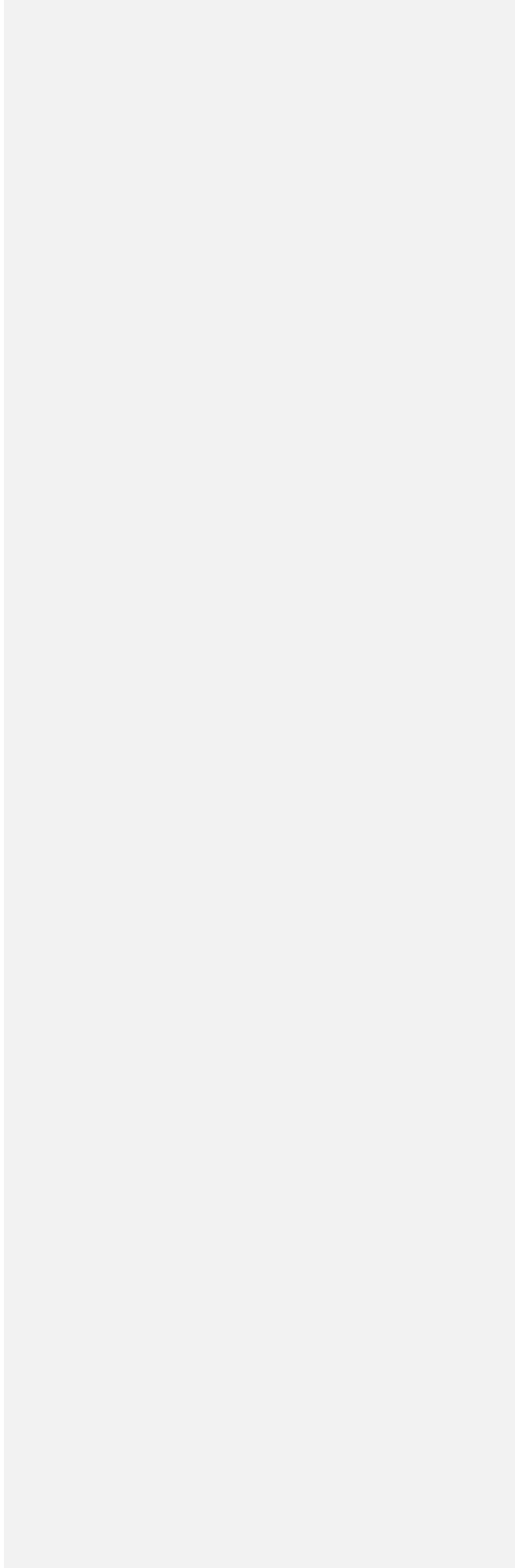
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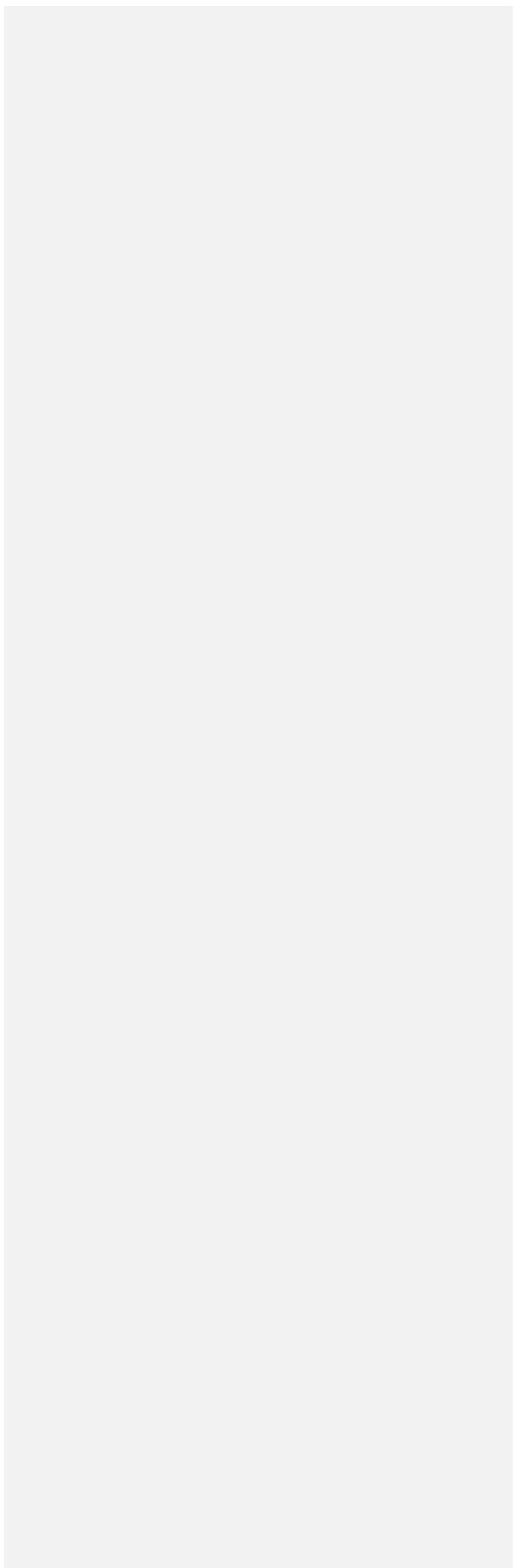
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V. **Adjournment: 12:09 pm**

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