

District of Columbia Department of Aging and Community Living

DACL 2021 PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT QUESTIONS

114. How does the Commission address contemporary subjects, needs and concerns expressed by aging residents and issues presented at various Commission meetings?

The commission addresses contemporary subjects, needs and concerns expressed by aging residents and issues presented at various commissions meetings by gathering data, statistics and available resource. Commission members serve in an advocacy role for seniors concerns and needs for additional services (city-wide and by ward) by heightening awareness via collaborating with the Department of Aging and Community Living and other District of Columbia departments (example: Department of Health, Parks and Recreation, Housing, Transportation).

115. Please discuss how the Commission selects its committee memberships.

Committee membership is based on volunteers. The Commission allows members to volunteer for committees that are interesting to them.

116. Please provide a list of each committee’s meeting dates, times, and location for FY21.

The Commission on Aging’s Health committee met January 14, 2021 and February 8, 2021 via teleconference.

The Commission on Aging’s Housing committee met January 8, 2021 via teleconference.

117. Please provide a list of the Commission’s current members. For each member, please provide the following:

- a. The member’s name;
- b. The Ward, agency or organization the member represents;
- c. Who appointed the member;
- d. When the member’s term expires;

Commission on Aging Voting Members					
<i>as of February 4, 2021 (confirmed by Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointment)</i>					
First Name	Last Name	Confirmation Date	Term Ends	Ward	Appointment Authority
Guleford	Bobo	10/27/2019	10/27/2022	8	Mayor
Carolyn	Matthews	10/28/2014	10/28/2020*	1	Mayor
Nancy	Miranda	10/28/2019	10/28/2022	1	Mayor
Jo-Anne	Hersh	10/28/2019	10/28/2022	2	Mayor
Maria	Wilson	5/2/2019	10/28/2022	4	Mayor
Barbara	Lee	1/22/2018	10/28/2020*	5	Mayor
Grace	Lewis	9/25/2017	10/28/2020**	5	Mayor
Hattie	Pierce	10/28/2019	10/28/2022	5	Mayor
Alice	Love	4/4/2018	10/27/2020***	6	Mayor

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Mary	Taylor	10/27/2017	10/27/2020*	7	Mayor
Gloria	Whitfield	10/30/2019	10/28/2022	8	Mayor
Barbara	Hair	9/25/2007	10/28/2020**	8	Mayor

* Will be reconfirmed

** Reached max terms served. MOTA will send out letters.

*** Anticipated vacancy, Commissioner moved to Maryland and will be submitting resignation MOTA.

e. Committee membership within the Commission; and

Committee	Commissioner
Governance	Vacant
Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation	Vacant
Transportation	Mary Taylor Carolyn Matthews Guleford Bobo
Education and Employment	Vacant
Housing	Nancy Miranda Hattie Pierce Carolyn Matthews Maria Wilson Mary Taylor Guleford Bobo
Information and Education	Vacant
Health and Wellness	Guleford Bobo Barbara S. Hair

f. Attendance record.

Please see Attachment Q117 – COA Attendance

118. Please provide a list of the Commission’s meeting dates, times, and locations, whether a quorum was reached, for FY20 and FY21 to date.

Please see response to Q117f.

119. Did the Commission receive funds in FY20 and FY21 to date? If so, please provide the following:

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- a. The amount of the funding;
- b. The source of the funding;
- c. A list of all expenditures; and
- d. A description of how these funds furthered the Board's/Commission's mission.

The Commission received no funding in FY20 or FY21, to date or any previous year. The Commission operates with technical and clerical support provided on an ad-hoc basis by DACL.

120. Please describe the Commission's activities in FY20 and FY21, to date.

- donated and volunteered to distribute food with numerous charities such as Food Banks, Catholic Charities, Martha's Table, and United Planning Organization.
- distributed to homeless seniors living on the streets of District of Columbia such as food, socks, scarfs, hats and gloves.
- worked with DACL in determining the most effective ways to reach and support seniors during this pandemic through weekly updates from the director.
- worked with Age Friendly D. C. to recruit seniors for training and employment in the healthcare profession.
- Worked to keep seniors informed of COVID-19 issues ranging from helping them sign up for vaccines and taking it when first offered to show safety.
- Worked with council members, Department of Aging and Community Living, Department of Health, Department of Recreation, John Hopkins Hospital, Howard University Hospital and other organizations to get vaccines to seniors.
- Help direct seniors to virtual programs that DACL had established for Ward II and Ward III but became necessary for seniors throughout the city.
- Participated in meeting with The Department of Transportation that address senior safety and transportation.
- Informed and assisted seniors in applying for weatherization.
- Informed and assisted seniors of the home rehabilitation program through The Department of Housing and Community Development that was scheduled to end FY2020.
- Worked with the census to develop outreach strategies for seniors.
- Assisted seniors with transportation in getting to polls to vote in 2020 election.
- Assisted seniors in addressing post office facility policies that were adverse to seniors.
- The commission advocated to make available technology equipment to seniors and advocated to increase funds to centers that serve minority groups in Gay and Hispanic communities.

121. Please describe the Commission's goals in FY21 and the plan/timeline for completion.

These are the goals of the commission for FY21:

- To continue to advocate for the establishment of senior villages in all eight wards.
- To continue to advocate for senior training and employment opportunities.

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- To advocate for a continuation of the Safe At Home program.
- To advocate for an increase in senior housing.
- To advocate for more multigenerational housing.
- To advocate for permanent and appropriate shelters for homeless elderly residents.
- To work closer with Adult Protective Services in addressing issues that commissioners are observing.
- To promote for sufficient funding to train and retain qualified health care aides.
- To promote more options for senior homeowners to pay property taxes.

122. What are the Commission's biggest strengths and weaknesses?

The Commission's greatest strength is vigorous interaction with seniors throughout the city. The Commission is able to see the challenges seniors face and work with them in meeting those challenges.

The Commission's greatest weakness is the insufficient number of commission members.

123. What were the Commission's biggest accomplishments in FY20?

The Commission's biggest accomplishment in FY20 was successfully seeing the groundbreaking of the first assisted living facility south of East Capital Street and working with The Department of Aging and Community Living and other government agencies throughout the city while addressing the Pandemic.

124. What challenges does the Commission face in meeting spending goals?

Please see response to Question 119

125. Is the Commission required to post meeting notes or agendas online? Has the Commission done so?

The Commission is required to post meeting notes and agendas online. The minutes are posted on the Open DC website.

126. How does the Commission represent and solicit feedback from residents? Please describe:

- a. The process for soliciting feedback and number of submissions

The process to getting feedback has been to attend senior activities at all forums possible virtually and in person such as DAACL Town Hall meetings, Department of Recreation senior activities virtual, senior village virtual meetings and visiting senior village food distribution sites, communicating with seniors in many senior

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housing facilities and participating in activities and meeting with mini-commissioners.

- b. What the Board/Commission has learned from this feedback

The Commission has learned from senior's feedback that there is no one way to address issues senior consider important. The Commission's recommendations must consist of several options that allow individual seniors to determine which best meets their needs.

- c. How the Commission has changed its practices as a result of such feedback

The Commission has changed how it communicates. The Commission now spends more time in virtual meetings and on the telephone gathering input from seniors.

- 127. What is being done to promote greater diversity in the composition of the Commission's membership?

The diversity in the Commission's membership is not determined by the Commission. The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments selects members of the Commission.

- 128. Please explain the following:

- a. What is the relationship between Age-Friendly DC, Commission on Aging, and the Senior Villages, if any?
- b. How does the Age-Friendly, Commission on Aging, and the Senior Villages collaborate, if at all?

There is a very interactive relationship between Age Friendly DC, The Commission on Aging and Senior Villages. The Commissioners served on Age Friendly DC Committees such as Transportation and Senior Employment along with Senior Village leadership. Commissioners also belong to, serve as volunteers and participate in many of the programs and services that senior villages offer.