Ward 3’s Citizen’s Advisory Group (CAG) was established by Iona to collaborate as a group to represent, advocate, and undertake research that will empower and inform their fellow 60+ residents. All projects undertaken are with Iona’s approval via its Executive Director. The group meets monthly.
Member Bios:

Kris Laurenti, Chair, Citizens Advisory Group (CAG)

Kris is a licensed clinical social worker. She has worked providing health/mental health services for D.C. residents for 37 years. Her mother moved from N.J. to live with her and in those 7 years Kris became involved with services for seniors. Her contacts with social workers at Iona were invaluable.

Barbara B. Cline

Barbara is a CPA and a former auditor and non-profit executive. She has been a member of the CAG since 2009, serving as a fair housing and disability rights advocate. Barbara is a SERVEDC Commissioner whose mission includes promoting volunteerism, community service and emergency preparedness.

Mary C. Young

Mary is a graduate of Fordham University in New York with a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy and another in Sociology. She is working on her Master’s in Theology. She worked for 25 years in the non-profit sector both in New York and Washington and for almost 20 years as the manager of a medical practice. She is currently retired and doing Tenant/Landlord and Elderly Advocacy with the District of Columbia. Mary is also an ANC Commissioner representing a portion of Cathedral Heights (ANC3B04).

Susan Bahcall

Susan is a former English teacher and a long-time District resident. She has a deep appreciation of seniors’ issues. Susan has been a volunteer with the Glover Park Village for three years.
Wes Morrison

Wes is involved with seniors and their issues via the CAG and AARP's Office of Aging for several years. He advocates for seniors especially those in the LGBT Community.

Dorothy Biondi

Dorothy Biondi has been active in Glover Park Village as Activities Director and is now with the Guy Mason Recreation Center as Program Director for seniors. Her direct work with seniors spans 6 years and she is known for her innovative programs and unrelenting interest in seniors and their needs.

Dr. Sal Selvaggio

Sal Selvaggio is a graduate of the Georgetown University Dental School, and had a dental practice in DC for 35 years. He has been a volunteer dentist for the Catholic Charities’ Spanish Catholic Center since 1985, and is on their Advisory Board. He is a volunteer and supporting member of Northwest Neighbors Village and also drives members to medical appointments. He Chairs a Committee for the District of Columbia Dental Society Foundation on improving the oral health of our aging population.
Anne Witt
Anne Witt has served as an executive manager and board member of large public service organizations. She has lived in northwest DC for nearly 40 years and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Northwest Neighbors Village (NNV). The NNV is an organization which assists its members in remaining in their homes during their senior years.

Liz Lyman, Vice-Chair
Liz Lyman most recently was Managing Director and Head of Corporate Communications for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (BTMU) for the Americas, based in New York. She was also responsible for creating and directing the bank’s corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities through a network of offices around the world where her model for community engagement has been widely adopted. She and her husband returned to DC in 2015. She is now the Vice President of the Cathedral West Condominium Board of Directors.

Sarah Barnett
Sarah Barnett has been in the legal profession for over 40 years, and devotes much of her present time as a voice for seniors needing assistance. She served on the board of Pediatric AIDS HIV Care, Metropolitan Washington DC Gaymes, Inc., An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, Inc., and 3900 Tunlaw Cooperative. Sarah co-chaired the AIDS Mission Group; St. Columba’s Episcopal Church and was a member of the Mayor’s 2006 GLBT Executive/Advisory Committee.
Illa Amerson

Illa Amerson is a Certified Financial Planner™ with a passion for helping people navigate difficult life transitions, many of which impact seniors and their families. Illa is also a caregiver for her 86-year-old mother, who has dementia. Iona’s support was instrumental when Illa needed to move her mother from California to the DC area and she needed to find a trustworthy memory care residence.