

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network – <i>Chair</i> (attended via phone)* 2. Saradjine Batrony, SB Pro Writing Services, LLC – <i>Guest</i>* 3. Blanca Ceballos, United HomeCare - <i>Host</i> 4. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships - <i>Presenter</i> 5. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (attended via phone)* 6. Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office* 7. Ileana Ferrera, United HomeCare – <i>Presenter</i> 8. Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue* 9. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 10. Claudia Kerzner, Senior Proof Inc. (on behalf of Sydney Hughes)* 11. Brenda Lampon, Miami Dade County Office of the Mayor 12. Ahbria Marshall, United Way Miami 13. Maglio E. Montiel, United HomeCare volunteer - <i>Guest</i> 14. Dennise Nicola, PACE/Miami Jewish Health* 15. Roslyn Parker, Uniper TV 16. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Dept. of Health in Miami-Dade* 17. Lesly Quintanilla Lopez, Center for Independent Living of the Keys* 18. Louisenie Remy, Jackson Health Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center* 19. Lilliana Rey, Alliance for Aging - <i>Guest</i> 20. Tami Robinson, StudentsCare* 21. Griselle Solorzano, Brain Center 22. Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces* 23. Melody Velez, United Healthcare* 24. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone)* 25. 1-786-469-4618 (unknown attendee via phone)* <p>*attended virtually</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	Chair, Marjorie Aloni welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:02 PM.	

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Hosted at United HomeCare (Microsoft Teams option)

	Chair, Marjorie Aloni provided general meeting guidelines for attendees which were also placed in the meeting chat. Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman was not present due to a conflicting personal commitment. The meeting was held at host site, United HomeCare, 8400 NW 33rd Street, Suite 400, Miami, FL 33122, with an option to join virtually via Microsoft Teams for those unable to attend in person. Attendee introductions were done during <i>Partner Updates</i> , and virtual attendees were encouraged to put their contact information any organizational updates/ announcements in the chat.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting on October 29, 2024, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Angie F. and seconded by Allan T. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.	
Previous Action Items(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue timeline development for work plan activities (ongoing). • See <i>Work Plan Review</i> below. 	
Executive Board (EB) Update	<p>Chair, Marjorie A. provided updates from EB 11/4/24 virtual meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important announcement: Consortium nominations and elections are being hosted this month. The Consortium Chairs and Vice-Chairs will serve for a 2-year leadership term including both calendar years, 2025 and 2026. • First, nominations will first take place via survey from Nov. 12–19, 2024. Nov. 20–27, 2024, the nominees will be confirmed. Then, elections will take place via survey the week of Dec. 2–9, 2024. • The elevator speech, health agenda message, and new partner invite email were reviewed. They're working now to create a digital brochure format with this info to use when meeting with interested partners; this will be shared with the full Consortium. • Updates were also shared on the topic of food insecurity, and the Mayor's Initiative on Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative. • The Board continues the conversation on COVID-19, optimal health, and addressing the drivers of health. 	

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Legislative Report	There were no legislative updates available from EIC member, Brenda Lampon with the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor present in-person at the meeting. However, she did explain that the Mayor's Office is currently undergoing organizational restructuring and she should hopefully be able to give a Legislative update at the January 2025 meeting.	
Presentation: <i>United HomeCare - Your Long-Term Care Solutions Provider</i>	EIC partner, Ileana Ferrera, S.V.P. and Chief Compliance Officer, United HomeCare, gave a 15-minute presentation about United HomeCare programs and services. United HomeCare® is a non-profit 501(c)(3) home health and community care organization; licensed Medicare and Medicaid Certified Agency accredited by Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP) with a Medicare 5 Star Rating; serving South Florida (Miami-Dade and Broward Counties) with five decades (50 years) of home health experience, caring and commitment to delivering highest quality care. They provide comprehensive home care services for homebound older adults in the comfort of their own home and community. United HomeCare began as a division of the United Way in 1973 with a mission to help families care for their elderly and disabled relatives at home. They are the largest home health agency in South Florida with over 1,150 employees of which 1,000+ are Home Health Aides (not independent contractors), and 25 Care Managers providing over 26,000+ hours of care each week to more than 3,500 clients. Their services include: case management, home health services, personal care assistance (bathing, dressing, and personal hygiene), meal preparation, ambulation assistance, light housekeeping, companionship, caregiver support and respite, volunteer services, home delivered meals, licensed clinical social worker, registered dietitian, skilled nursing (LPN, RN) and post-hospitalization care, therapies (physical, occupational, and speech), mental health counseling, and assistance with durable medical equipment. 99% of cases are staffed within 24 to 48 hours. Necessary care is provided to prevent institutionalization while protecting patients' health and promoting healthy aging with consideration of psychological and emotional well-being. United HomeCare currently contracts with all seven (7) State of Florida Medicaid Managed Long Term Care plans, including: Aetna, Humana, Simply Healthcare,	Action Item(s): Submit suggestion(s) for future presentations at Elder Issues Committee meetings via email to: marjiecealoni@gmail.com , Susan.Holtzman@namimiami.org , & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov .

	<p>United Healthcare, Florida Community Care, Molina Healthcare, and Sunshine Health. They also provide community resources and referrals to home and community-based programs with application assistance including the Alliance for Aging waiting list for assistance at home, and CMS supplies like bladder control pads and briefs, wipes, nutritional supplements, etc. To request services from United HomeCare, fill out an online form, here, to have a service professional contact you. Visit United HomeCare online at www.unitedhomecare.com, United HomeCare has a free Learn & Work® workforce development program which hires and trains home health aides with no experience necessary; visit empleos.unitedhomecare.org. To learn more about United HomeCare's student-led Intergenerational Senior Assurance Program designed to address loneliness and social isolation among older adults with volunteering, visit AVUS Connect at www.avusconnect.org, or call 305-716-0710 to learn more about volunteer opportunities. For questions, please contact Blanca Ceballos, Community Relations Manager, United HomeCare, bceballos@unitedhomecare.com, office 305-716-0736, cell 786-473-0373, or Customer Care 305-716-0710, or email Ileana Ferrera, S.V.P. and Chief Compliance Officer, United HomeCare, iferrera@unitedhomecare.com. A follow-up email with the presenter's contact information and PowerPoint presentation was sent to all EIC members on 12/5/24.</p>	
<p>Presentation: <i>Miami-Dade County Seniors Speak - Miami-Dade County Age-Friendly Initiative Senior's Survey Review</i></p>	<p>EIC member and partner, Nattaliah Earle, Collective Impact Manager & Program Manager for the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative (MDAFI), Urban Health Partnerships gave a 10-minute presentation about the results of the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey conducted in August among residents aged 50 and older to understand their views and what they will need as they age. The MDAFI is a collaborative effort focused on sustainable changes and efforts in order to create a community where older adults of all ages can stay active, engaged, and healthy with dignity and enjoyment. The presentation provided updates on the MDAFI and the action plan for the next five years. 600+ responses were collected from the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey and the data is being used to update the 2025-2030 Age-Friendly Action</p>	<p>Action Item(s): Submit suggestion(s) for future presentations at Elder Issues Committee meetings via email to: marjeealoni@gmail.com, Susan.Holtzman@namimiami.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.</p>

Plan to be finalized in December 2024. Demographic data from the survey was reviewed. 56% of those surveyed were Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, 31% were White or Caucasian, 20% were Black or African American, 6.2% were Caribbean, and less than 2% were of other ethnicities.

71.5% of the responders identified as female, 26.9% as male, 0.2% as non-binary, and 0.2% as transgender. 93.9% of responders reported as straight with regards to sexual orientation, 0.7% as gay, 0.9% as lesbian, 0.2% as bisexual, and 0.2% as other. A preliminary analysis of the surveys identified the following priority areas in the following order of importance:

1. **Housing** that is affordable, accessible, and adapted to your needs
2. Reliable, accessible and safe **transportation** options...including walking, biking, transit, as well as driving
3. Quality **health care** and **community-based wellness** and **supportive services** (senior centers, etc.)
4. Access to **information** about services and opportunities
5. A sense that older adults are **welcomed** and **valued** in all settings

An Age-Friendly approach is imperative given the rate at which the population is aging and living longer. Advocacy and funding for policy and programs for older adults is important, especially in the areas of housing, transportation, healthcare services, community supports, communications and information. Nattaliah urged everyone to connect and collaborate with the MDAFI and invited folks to the upcoming Stakeholder meeting in January 2025, and other resources sharing opportunities (need host locations and speakers). Follow & share: X (formerly Twitter) @agefriendlymia, LinkedIn (search for Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative), Facebook /AgeFriendlyMiami, and website: www.agefriendlymiami.org.

For questions, please contact Nattaliah Earle, Collective Impact Manager, Urban Health Partnerships, nattaliah@urbanhp.org, 786-412-0469. A follow-up email with the presenter's contact information and presentation slides was sent to all EIC members on 12/5/24.

<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Chair, Marjorie A. led discussion on the following in the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following activity and related measures under <i>Maternal Child Health</i>, p. 15, needs to be completed by <i>September 30, 2024</i>, the <i>Elder Issues Committee</i> will identify and collect data that is available on providing familial and generational support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was data identified and collected? Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In past meetings, online data sources, such as FLHealth Charts, Aging in Florida Dashboard, and Miami Matters have been mentioned as sources of data on older adults and health indicators for this population. At today's meeting, we received updates regarding the 2024 Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey, a UHP-led community survey for adults 50+ years of age from Nattaliah Earle, UHP. UHP collected over 600+ responses which will inform their 5-year Action Plan for 2025-2030. The survey has revealed top priority areas, such as housing, transportation, health care and community-based wellness and supportive services, access to information, and a sense of being welcomed and valued in all settings. These insights will be used to develop MDAFI strategies to address community needs. Did the EIC increase the awareness among households with grandparents to inform them of local community resources? Yes, Mayra G. regularly shares local community resources and events for children, families and older adults via emails to EIC members. The following activity under <i>Communicable Diseases & Emergent Threats</i>, p. 20, need to be completed by <i>September 30, 2024</i>, the <i>Elder Issues Committee</i> will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... invite partners (e.g., local pharmacies) to join and support their efforts to increase awareness on the prevention and control of infectious diseases. 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members can share this link to invite partners to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's Elder Issues Committee by registering for free online: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/membership/. Request a presentation from UHP on the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey results for a future EIC meeting.
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	<p>Yes, since mid-2024 EIC members have been inviting representatives from local pharmacies to join the Consortium's EIC to help with this measure.</p>	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual meeting on October 24th featured a presentation on Electronic cigarettes & vaping prevalence among older adults by EIC member, Laurie Varona, MPH, Senior Health Educator, Tobacco Prevention Program, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. 	
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No monthly meeting in December for a holiday break. Next monthly meeting will be virtual on January 28, 2025. Guests, and members who would like to invite their colleagues serving the older adult population to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's Elder Issues Committee, can register for free online at www.healthymiamidade.org/membership. 	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blanca Ceballos, Community Relations Manager, United HomeCare, provided a facility tour to in-person attendees after the meeting ended. Mayra Garcia, Community Liaison for the Elder Issues Committee (EIC), Florida Dept. of Health in Miami-Dade, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov; shared the Consortium Bounty of Health Fair and food distribution on Friday, December 13th, 2024, 10AM-2PM at 18255 Homestead Avenue, Miami, FL 33157; copies of event flyer was shared and shown onscreen/shared in the meeting chat. Angie Fernandez, Community Outreach Representative, Office of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, fernang@miamisao.com, 305-547-0724; www.miamisao.com. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Health Services Representative, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade, Office of Community Health & Planning, 786-732-8849, dayamyra.perezfernandez@flhealth.gov. Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center, Louisenie.remy@jhs-miami.org; they have support groups and outreach education on sexual assault prevention; call the Helpline for more information: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 305-585-RAPE (7273). Claudia Kerzner, Senior Proof Inc. We install home modifications for seniors and have worked with the AAA in Broward and Palm Beach Counties installing low cost high impact solutions to keep seniors safe. https://seniorproof.com/. 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade is a collaboration between the Florida Department of Health and community partners/organizations promoting health in Miami-Dade County; register to become a member for free online: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/membership/. EIC members who are subject matter specialists in healthy lifestyles and health promoting topics for older adult population are asked to volunteer to submit written article and/or social media postings for 2023 calendar year; please

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON HEALTHY AGING AND LIVABILITY**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Garcia, Coordinator, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR), Community Assistance/Elder-Links Program, https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1526412171787244. #MDFRSafety #HolidaySafety https://x.com/MiamiDadeFire/status/1861114660386226428. • Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network, 305-766-2976. • Allan Tavss, Miami Dade Parks, Active Older Adult Programs, allan.tavss@miamidade.gov, 305-962-8393. • Dennise Nicola, Business Development Manager, FL PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health systems, cell 786-661-5644, dnicola@miamijewishhealth.org. • Witson Faustin, Health Services Representative, Office of Community Health and Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, 786-732-8863, Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov. • Brenda Lampon, Office of the Mayor, Brenda.Lampon@miamidade.gov. • Nattaliah Earle, Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative, Nattaliah@urbanhp.org, 786-412-0469. • Ahbria Marshall, Program Officer-Community Impact, United Way Miami, 305-646-7075, marshalla@unitedwaymiami.org. • Griselle Solorzano, Social Services Manager, 305-856-8940 x105, gsolorzano@braincenter.org. 	<p>confirm your interest, topic suggestions via email to liaison: Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov.</p> <p><i>Written submissions are due by 15th of month <u>prior</u> to publish month.</i></p>
Adjournment	Chair, Marjorie A. adjourned the meeting at 3:09 PM.	
Next Meeting	The December meeting is cancelled for holiday break. The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 2:00-3:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.	