



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

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Microsoft Teams



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/ Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tara Auclair, The Clearwater Project 2. Katherine Bolt, Miami-Dade County 3. Cindy Brown, JCS/Lambda Living 4. Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc. 5. Rob Collins, HOPE, Inc. 6. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships – <i>Vice-Chair (newly elected)</i> 7. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 8. Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office 9. Trudy Gaillard, Florida International University 10. Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue 11. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Natalie Gray, Pharm. D., Larkin University College of Pharmacy 13. Donna Herzek, Jewish Community Services 14. Susan O. Holtzman, NAMI Miami – <i>Vice-Chair</i> 15. Luis Moreno, Epilepsy Alliance of Florida 16. Dennise Nicola, PACE/Miami Jewish Health – <i>Chair (newly elected)</i> 17. Alexander Orta, Alliance for Aging, Inc. 18. Cindy Perez, Florida International University 19. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 20. Louisenie Remy, Jackson Health Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 21. Lymari Rivera, Mount Sinai Medical Center Eldercare (PACE) 22. Stacey Silver, Mom’s Meals 23. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 24. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone call) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>In the absence of Chair, Marjorie Aloni who had an unexpected scheduling conflict, Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:02 PM. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Attendee introductions were done during <i>Partner Updates</i>, and virtual attendees were encouraged to put their contact information/organizational updates in the chat.</p>	

Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>The minutes from the last meeting on November 26, 2024, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nattaliah E. and seconded by Marjorie Y.. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.</p>	
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>Vice-Chair, Susan H. provided the updates from EB 1/13/2025 meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of 2025-2026 Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade (Consortium) Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs elections. These results, emailed to all Consortium members on 1/27/25, were shown via screen share on today's meeting platform. Susan H. congratulated and welcomed the new Chair and Vice-Chair for the Elder Issues Committee (EIC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair, Dennise Nicola, Florida PACE Centers ○ Vice-Chair, Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank-you to both Marjorie Aloni and Susan Holtzman for their leadership and dedication to the EIC and the Consortium over the past years, as Chair and Vice-Chairs!</i></p>	
Legislative Report	<p>In the absence of a legislative update from member, Brenda Lampon with the Office of the Mayor, Vice-Chair, Susan H. mentioned the following legislative issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legislative session is going to start in the spring. • In February, there are days that you and/or your organization can go and lobby for or against proposed legislature that you support or not. • With regards to older adult issues, you can look online at AARP published priorities in the Florida legislature. • On the national, state and local scene, the holds on funding that are happening can have an effect on those of us that are funded, like housing assistance, which can impact the community we deal with. 	

<p>Annual Review of the Elder Issues Committee's SWOT Analysis</p>	<p>In lieu of a partner presentation, Vice-Chair, Susan H. led the annual review of the Committee's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis, as well as the resulting discussion. The SWOT analysis conducted initially in December 2020, and last reviewed annually on 1/30/2024, was reviewed and updated with comments made by members in attendance. M. Garcia captured comments and suggested edits from attendees with regards to the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the EIC while screen sharing the SWOT analysis (included for the record on the last page at the end of these meeting minutes).</p>	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email your suggestion(s) for future Elder Issues Committee meeting presentations to: DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org, Nattaliah@urbanhp.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024 will continue in effect as written despite the expired reporting period having past on September 30, 2024, for some of the measures. The Office of Community Health & Planning of the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is currently working on launching the community Wellbeing Survey as part of the assessments related to Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). This community-driven strategic planning process helps inform the development of the next 5-year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) based on identified strategic priority areas. Members are encouraged to take and share the Wellbeing Survey if they reside in Miami-Dade. They can also make suggestions for the activities and measures to be included in the next 5-year work plan to be developed sometime later this year. It is noteworthy that approximately 98% of the total number of work plan measures were met successfully, with the exception of <i>co-hosting a symposium</i> (under <i>Injury, Safety, and Violence</i>, p. 18), and <i>conduct a pilot study using the Walker Tracker app</i> (under <i>Chronic Disease</i>, p. 12). Please note the following meeting dates planned for 2025, along with opportunities to present and/or host an in-person meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, 2/28/2025, in-person meeting (w/virtual join option on Teams) to be hosted by Lymari Rivera at Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE, 6050 W. 20 Avenue, 2nd floor, Hialeah, FL 33016. Tuesday, 3/25/2025, virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams w/presentation by Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc. on the Dementia Care & Cure Initiative Miami Taskforce-Highlights of NEW website. 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email your suggestion(s) for the next 5-year 2025-2030 Elder Issues Committee work plan to be developed later this year to: DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org, Nattaliah@urbanhp.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuesday, 4/29/2025, virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams w/presentation by ? (TBD) ○ Tuesday, 5/27/2025, in-person meeting (w/virtual join option on Teams) to be hosted by Susan Holtzman, NAMI Miami (pending confirmation) for Mental Health Awareness Month. ○ Tuesday, 6/24/2025, virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams w/presentation by ? (TBD). ○ Tuesday, 7/29/2025 to be cancelled for summer break ○ Tuesday, 8/26/2025, in-person meeting (w/virtual join option on Teams) to be hosted by ? at host site? (TBD). ○ Tuesday, 9/30/2025, virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams w/presentation by ? (TBD). ○ Tuesday, 10/28/2025, virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams w/presentation by ? (TBD). ○ Tuesday, 11/25/2025, in-person meeting (w/virtual join option on Teams) to be hosted by ? at host site? (TBD). ○ Tuesday, 12/30/2025 to be cancelled for winter break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please let us know if you are interested in giving a 15-minute partner presentation at one of the available 2025 virtual meetings, and/or if you would like to host one of the quarterly meetings available at your organization site by sending an email to: DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org, Nattaliah@urbanhp.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.
<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 attendees (10 in person & 15 virtually) at the November meeting. • In-person hybrid meeting 11/26/24 hosted at United HomeCare and featured the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation on United HomeCare programs and services by Ileana Ferrera ○ Presentation by Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships on the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative (MDAFI) and results of the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey for older adults age 50+. ○ Host Blanca Ceballos, Community Relations Manager at United HomeCare provided a tour of the facility for attendees after the meeting ended. 	
<p>Reminders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next monthly meeting on February 25th will be an in-person hybrid meeting to be hosted by Lymari Rivera at Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE, located at 6050 W 20th Avenue, 2nd floor, Hialeah, FL 33016. • Invite your colleagues serving the older adult population to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's Elder Issues Committee, register for free online at www.healthymiamidade.org/membership. 	

<p>Partner Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Health Services Representative, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. • Stacey Silver, RDN, Manager of Healthcare Partnerships with Mom's Meals, email Stacey.Silver@momsmeals.com. • Luis Moreno, Community Resource Specialist, Epilepsy Alliance Florida, LMoreno@eafla.org. • Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center. • Tara Auclair, Founder of The Clearwater Project; tara@theclearwaterproject.net. • Cindy Brown, Jewish Community Services/Lambda Living; cbrown@jcsfl.org; online calendar: https://jewishcommunityservicesofsouthflorida.wildapricot.org/. • Martine Charles, Director Planning and Population Health, Alliance for Aging, charlesm@allianceforaging.org. • Cindy Perez, Clinical Assistant Teaching Professor, Florida International University. • Rob Collins, HOPE, Inc.-We fight housing discrimination; rob@hopefhc.com. • Melody Velez, Sr. Community Outreach Representative UnitedHealthcare; melody.velez@uhc.com. • Donna Herzek, Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Case Manager for Crisis Management; dherzek@jcsfl.org. • Katherine Bolt, Elder Affairs Advisory Board; shared resource fair coming up in May and are looking for sponsorship/vendors. Please contact me if you are interested: katherine.bolt@miamidade.gov. • Susan Holtzman, NAMI Miami-Dade, shared the 2025 NAMI Walks Miami-Dade for Mental Health Awareness will be on Saturday, May 10th at Loan Depot Park; register online. • Dennise Nicola, Senior Outreach Specialist, FL PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health; DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org, 786-661-5644. • Nattaliah Earle, Collective Impact Manager, Urban Health Partnerships, nattaliah@urbanhp.org, 786-412-0469. • Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Community Assistance/Elder Links Coordinator. • Angie Fernandez, Community Outreach, Office of the State Attorney K.F. Rundle; fernang@miamisao.com; 305-547-0724. • Mayra Garcia, Community Liaison for the Elder Issues Committee (EIC)/Senior Community Health Nursing Supervisor, Office of Community Health & Planning, FL Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. Also shared contact: Mario Tapia for Radio Program Para Mayores, mtapia@gerolatino.org. 	<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 confirm your interest, topic suggestions via email to liaison: Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. <i>Written submissions are due by 15th of month prior to publish month.</i>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Witson Faustin, Health Services Representative, Florida Dept. of Health in Miami-Dade, Office of Community Health & Planning; Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov. 	
Adjournment	Vice-Chair, Susan H. adjourned the meeting at 3:11 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held in-person (with virtual join meeting option) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 2:00 PM at host site Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE, located at 6050 W 20th Avenue, 2nd floor, Hialeah, FL 33016.	

**Elder Issues Committee SWOT Analysis (2020-2024)
Conducted 12/29/2020**

		Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Internal Origin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and variety of members and organizations they represent Diversity of languages and industries Partner presentations on monthly basis Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade as a whole; good resource for community/clients Reputation of the Consortium and members Cohesive internal/external communication from DOH & Consortium ("single voice") Consortium events and "ability to get word out." Amazing reach with their own client base Sharing a common vision & sense of belonging Networking opportunities We are all wanting to give-back to our community & improve health of older adults Comprehensive Committee work plan Partner introductions during monthly meetings Have a consistently high rate of participation by members, and ongoing increased membership Quarterly in-person monthly meetings hosted at guest organization sites (w/virtual join option) Representatives from existing task forces and work groups representing older adults' needs can report back at meetings and/or share info via email communications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of sufficient representation from certain communities or areas (e.g., Diabetes or other specialty chronic diseases, or disabled populations of older adults); like pharmacists/pharmacies, council of the blind. Lack of representation from housing sector (e.g., County office, Mayor's office, low-income development industries, homeless organizations); continues to be a weakness. Need a plan in place for developing and using social media to share important info for older adults & other media (tv or radio); we should identify what type of info should be shared as a trusted source. 	External Origin	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of membership and ongoing promotion of Consortium and Elder Issues Committee; we should be intentional on inviting new organizations Target community partners missing as advocates for older adult population Growth of reach and potential clients base Use social media to share important info for older adults; develop a plan (see Weakness section) Create a shorter tool (one page) to summarize important issues from work plan & promote EIC Members with expertise can share their knowledge via articles, presentations, social media submissions Partner with other Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade committees on workplan initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of ongoing participation by members of the Consortium's Elder Issues Committee Time commitment to Committee work versus own organization responsibilities if return to in-person meetings (quarterly at present; every 3 months) Legislative and funding issues currently; risk to programs and services for older adult community members 		
<p> Annual Review – 01/25/2022 (note: December 2021 monthly meeting was cancelled due to holidays) Annual Review - 01/31/2023 Annual Review – 01/30/2024 Annual Review – 01/28/2025 </p>					