

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 Microsoft Teams 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/	Triana Abel Encarnacion, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience and Aging	
Attendees	Marjie Aloni, Founder Tri County Senior Resource Referral network	
	3. Olivia DeCastro, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	4. Jennifer De Gruccio, Parkinson's Foundation	
	5. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships – <i>Vice-Chair</i>	
	6. Ruth Edouard, La Coupe Joseph Farm Project Inc.	
	7. Melody Espinoza, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County – DOH Support Staff	
	8. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	9. Mariangelli "Angie" Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office	
	10. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	11. Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic University School of Medicine	
	12. Lina Menendez, Community Resource Specialist at Epilepsy Alliance Florida	
	13. Eunice Mesumbe, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	14. Zadymon Moore, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County – DOH Support Staff	
	15. Simisola Olowodola, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County – DOH Support Staff	
	16. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	
	17. Louisenie Remy, Jackson Health Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center	
	18. Candice Schottenloher, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County – DOH Lead, Support Staff	
	19. Natalia Shtompel, Barry University School of Social Work	
	20. Griselle Solorzano, Brain Center	
	21. Lymari Rivera, Mount Sinai Medical Center Eldercare (PACE	
	22. Melody Velez, United Healthcare	
	23. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone call)	
	24. Vicki Zou, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County – DOH	
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Welcome and Introductions	Chair, Dennise Nicola was not able to attend the meeting. In her absence, Vice-Chair, Nattaliah Earle welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:05 PM. General meeting guidelines were provided for the attendees by Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. Attendee introductions were done during <i>Partner Updates</i> , and virtual attendees were encouraged to put their contact information and any organizational updates/announcements in the chat. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting on August 26, 2025, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nattaliah Earle and seconded by Natalie Gray, and the minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.	
Previous Action Items(s)	Continue developing EIC 2025-2030 Work Plan (session 2 at today's meeting)	
Executive Board (EB) Update	<ul> <li>Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. provided the updates from the EB meeting held on 9/8/2025, including:</li> <li>Recap of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Consortium Event &amp; Worksite Wellness Awards held on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment in Hialeah. Among those recognized were past Elder Issues Committee Chair, Marjorie E. Aloni and Vice-Chair, Susan O. Holzman. Also, recognized as the Outstanding Member was Mariangelli "Angie" Fernandez from the State Attorney's Office. Congratulations to all!</li> <li>Consortium Strategic Plan &amp; Executive Board Work Plan Conversation</li> </ul>	
Legislative Report	<ul> <li>In the absence of EIC member, Brenda Lampon, Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor, EIC Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. provided the following update(s):</li> <li>The Miami-Dade County proposed budget was approved with funding for MDAFI reduced to 70% compared to last year, and no increase in bus fares for seniors.</li> </ul>	



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#### Elder Issues Committee 2025-2030 Work Plan Development **Session 2**

Elder Issues Committee 2025-2030 Work Plan Development (session 2) was facilitated by Candice Schottenloher, MPH, CHES, Government Operations Consultant III, Office of Community Health & Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. The following DOH staff were also in attendance and provided additional support:

- Melody Espinoza, Senior Clerk
- Eunice Mesumbe, Senior Health Educator
- Zadymon Moore, Senior Health Educator
- Simisola Olowodola, Research and Statistics Consultant
- Vicki Zou, Senior Health Educator

#### The 2025-2030 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) priority areas:

- 1. Access to Care
- 2. Chronic Disease Prevention
- 3. Behavioral & Mental Health
- 4. Maternal Child Health \*
- 5. Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition\*

A draft version of the **2025-2030 EIC Work Plan** was developed incorporating all the feedback provided by attendees/members at the last month's EIC monthly meeting in September. This draft work plan was reviewed onscreen to discuss possible activities, measures and collaborative partners for the first three CHIP priority areas. Attendees provided suggestions and DOH staff recorded these. A third work plan development session will be held at the next EIC monthly meeting in October 2025, during which the two remaining strategic priority areas of the work plan will be discussed for further development of activities, measures and collaborative partners.

#### Action Item(s):

- At the next monthly EIC meeting on October 28, 2025, development of the 2025-2030 EIC Work Plan development will continue with discussion of the last two strategic priority areas:
  - Maternal Child Health
  - Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition



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Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	(This section was not specifically addressed at this meeting on <b>9/3025</b> since the majority of the meeting was focused on EIC 2025-2030 Work Plan Development).	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<ul> <li>In-person meeting hosted at Alliance for Aging on 8/26/2025</li> <li>31 total attendees (16 in-person &amp; 15 virtually) at August monthly meeting</li> <li>2025-2030 EIC Work Plan Development started at meeting on 8/262025</li> </ul>	
Reminders	<ul> <li>2025 monthly meetings (schedule changes):         <ul> <li>NEW – in-person meeting on Tues., October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2PM to be hosted at Larkin Community Hospital Palm Springs Campus in Hialeah.</li> <li>NEW – no monthly meeting in November or December.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Attendees who are not already members were encouraged to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade online at <a href="www.healthymiamidade.org/membership">www.healthymiamidade.org/membership</a>, and/or share this invite with others who may be interested in participating.</li> </ul>	
Partner Updates	<ul> <li>Nattaliah Earle, Collective Impact Manager, Urban Health Partnerships (UHP), nattaliah@urbanhp.org, 786-412-0469.</li> <li>Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network, 305-766-2976</li> <li>Mayra Garcia, Community Liaison for the Elder Issues Committee (EIC)/Senior Community Health Nursing Supervisor, Office of Community Health &amp; Planning, FL Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov.</li> <li>Natalie Gray, Western Atlantic University School of Medicine, Ngra@WAUSM.education.</li> <li>Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center, Louisenie.remy@jhsmiami.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).</li> </ul>	Action Item(s):  • 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:



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	• Griselle Solorzano, Social Services Manager, Brain Center; 305-856-8940 x105, email gsolorzano@braincenter.org.	https://www.healthymiamid ad.org/membership/.
	Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Health Services Representative, Florida	
	Department of Health in Miami-Dade County.	
	<ul> <li>Lymari Rivera, Business Development Director, Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE, Lymari.rivera@msmc.com, 954-709-1291.</li> </ul>	
	Natalia Shtompel, PhD, LCSW, Associate Professor & Doctoral Program	
	Director, Barry University School of Mental Health and Social Work,	
	nshtompel@barry.edu.	
	Olivia DeCastro CCHW, CTTS, Health Services Representative, Florida	
	Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Office of Community Health and	
	Planning, olivia.decastro@flhealth.gov, 786-732-8860.	
	Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone call)	
	Melody Velez, Sr. Community Outreach, United Healthcare;	
	melody.velez@uhc.com	
	Jennifer De Gruccio, Community Education & Outreach Manager, Florida,	
	Parkinson's Foundation Florida Chapter; <a href="mailto:idegruccio@parkinson.org">idegruccio@parkinson.org</a> .	
	Angie Fernandez, PIO Community Outreach, Office of the State Attorney K.F.	
	Rundle; fernang@miamisao.com; 305-547-0724; www.miamisao.com.	
	Lina Menendez, Community Resource Specialist at Epilepsy Alliance Florida,	
	<u>LMenendez@eafla.org</u> .	
Adjournment	Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting has planned as an in-person (with virtual	
	join meeting option) on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 2:00 PM to be hosted by EIC	
	member, Danay Rodriguez-Arritola at Larkin Community Hospital Palm Springs	
	Campus in Hialeah, located at 1475 W 49th Place, Hialeah, FL 33012.	