

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Member Attendees	1. Islamiyat N. Adebisi, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 2. Cristina Brito, United Way Miami 3. Marla Cocalis, StudentsCare* 4. Rob Collins, The Miami Foundation* 5. Olivia DeCastro, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 6. Jennifer De Gruccio, Parkinson's Foundation* 7. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships – <i>Vice-Chair</i> 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. Natalie Herradon, Jewish Community Services of South Florida 13. Ricardo Maldonado, Total Life 14. Dennise Nicola, Florida PACE Centers/Miami Jewish Health – <i>Chair</i> 15. Anna Oirik, Right at Home Miami Lakes* 16. Yadira Olaguiber Soler, Florida PACE Centers – <i>Presenter</i> 17. Virama Oller, Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP, FIU* 18. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade* 19. Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center* 20. Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable* 21. Lymari Rivera, Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE* 22. Griselle Solorzano, Brain Center* 23. Lily Suazo, Jewish Community Services of South Florida 24. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (via phone call)*	
Welcome and Introductions	Chair, Dennise Nicola welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:01 p.m.. General meeting guidelines were provided for the attendees by Dennise N. and Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. assisted with the agenda. 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 at host site, Florida PACE Centers in Westchester, 2700 SW 97 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165, with an option to join virtually via Microsoft Teams for those unable to attend in person.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting on March 31, 2026, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Cristina B. and seconded by Lymari R.. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.	
Previous Action Items(s)	• By September 30, 2030, the Elder Issues Committee will have a minimum of four presentations per year on key health topics for older adults including best practices, model programs, and services for this population and/or their caregivers. (Access to Care, activity #1, page 1) • By September 30, 2030, the Elder Issues Committee will increase education on mental health conditions for older adults... (Mental Health, activity #11, page 4) • By September 30, 2030, the Elder Issues Committee will host and/or support social activity/event(s) for older adults at senior living facility(s) or other gathering sites (e.g., meal sites). (Mental Health, activity #12, page 4)	Action Item(s): • Continue to plan hosted and/or supported... social activity/event(s) for older adults at senior living facility(s) or other gathering sites (e.g., meal sites). (Mental Health, activity #12, page 4)
Executive Board (EB) Update	Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. provided the updates from the last EB meeting held on 4/13/2026, including: • The Board continues the conversation on optimal health and addressing the drivers of health. • The 2025-2030 Consortium Strategic Plan was reviewed and Consortium objectives to the healthy weight/physical activity, and nutrition priority areas were added. Strategies to meet these objectives will be discussed at the next meeting. • Revisions to the Consortium Bylaws were discussed, finalized, and approved by the Board. • DOH-Miami-Dade is awaiting approval for the CHA and CHIP.	

Legislative Report	Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. provided the following legislative updates: • Changes to legislation surrounding food access & SNAP administration could adversely affect seniors many of whom are on reduced and fixed incomes. • Condominium reforms with new inspection requirements may result in additional costs for repairs leading to special assessments and/or higher HOA fees which can be a burden to seniors. • Legislation surrounding telehealth expansion will affect access to care. • Legislation regarding prescription drug costs could potentially reduce out of pocket costs. • At home care workforce reduction may adversely affect older adults and families. • Miami-Dade TPO's long-range plan includes improvements. • Other legislation may help with elder abuse and financial protections.	
Presentation: <i>Florida PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health</i>	EIC partner and member, Yadira Olaguiber Soler, Community Outreach Enrollment Specialist, Florida PACE Centers, gave a 15-minute presentation on Florida PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health programs and services for older adults. The presentation focused on how the FL PACE Centers help older adults stay at home. PACE is an innovative model of care that enables individuals who are 55 years or older who are eligible for nursing home care to stay independent in their own homes (ALFs included). It is an all-inclusive healthcare package that coordinates and provides all preventive, primary, acute and long-term care services in the community. PACE members who cannot stay home alone attend the day care program for supervision and assistance. Florida PACE Centers has an interdisciplinary team approach to help clients make health care decisions with the member and family participating as the team develops an individualized plan of care. Referrals can be submitted via fax 305-795-1866 or email FLPACECentersReferrals@MiamiJewishHealth.org. Visit www.FloridaPACECenters.org for additional information. With the consent of the	Action Item(s): • Email your suggestion(s) for future Elder Issues Committee meeting presentations to: DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org, Nattaliah@urbanhp.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.

	presenter, a follow-up email was sent to all EIC members on 4/29/26 after the meeting with the presenter's contact information, presentation slides.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	Today's presentation by Florida PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health will be reported towards work plan activity: • #1 under <i>Access to Care</i>, p. 1, related to <i>have a minimum of four presentations per year on key health topics for older adults including best practices, model programs, and services for this population and/or their caregivers.</i> Chair Dennise N. also led follow-up discussion on the following measure under <i>Mental Health</i>, activity #12: • By September 30, 2030, the Elder Issues Committee will host and/or support social activity/event(s) for older adults at senior living facility(s) or other gathering sites (e.g., meal sites). • Suggestions discussed at last EIC meeting in March were reviewed including the following: ○ Host event(s) at • County's congregate meal sites at Senior Centers (Susan H., NAMI Miami-Dade County). • Arcola Lakes Senior Center, 8401 NW 14 Ave, Miami, FL 33147, operated by MDPROS (Nattaliah E., UHP). • Miami Lakes City Hall (Anna O., Right at Home Miami Lakes); provided contact: Rosario Navarro, 786-417-5996, Rrass89@aol.com. • Sculpture Garden for older adults in partnership with Miami Design District could host; they have activities, like yoga & art in the park, or partner presentations; English, Spanish & Haitian Creole (Carmen Ramos-Watson B/Adaptable). ○ Possible activities	Action Item(s): • Dennise N. volunteered to draft a survey to email to EIC member listserv to collect ideas for the social activity/event for older adults.

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Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Microsoft Teams 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

	• Presentations on Medicare Fraud Prevention by Lilliana Rey, Alliance for Aging; could host a raffle for a few of seniors to receive promotional items. • Miami Dementia Care & Cure Initiative Taskforce is hosting a 1-hour <i>Memory Café</i> at Aventura Branch of MDPLS in May; Alliance would like to participate in planning (Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging). • Updates on vaccines & any aspect of vaccination by Gordon M. Dickenson, M.D., UM School of Medicine. • Additional suggestions discussed at today's meeting included: ○ Cristina Brito with the United Way of Miami, and Co-Chair of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade (Consortium) suggested the EIC could support an event being organized by Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative for a Wellness Day at Oak Grove Park on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 8AM to 3PM (TBA), along with support of Food & Nutrition for All and the Consortium Executive Board. The event will feature a food giveaway, and partner organizations could promote their programs and services via tabling. It was agreed that this event would be an effective way to provide some type of social activity for older adults already gathered in one location. ○ Jennifer DeGruccio said the Parkinson's Foundation would be <i>happy to help promote and participate</i> this event and could <i>do an exercise demo or a morning stretch</i>. Suggested <i>each vendor should be asked to donate a gift card, so it helps you have raffle items</i>. ○ Dennise suggested drafting a survey to email to EIC member listserv to collect ideas and sponsor organizations to help with food, volunteers, raffle prizes, etc.	
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Recognition of Improved Performance	32 total attendees at virtual monthly meeting on 3/31/2026 - Mental health for older adults presentation by Total Life 3/31/26	
Reminders	- Next monthly meeting is virtual on May 26, 2-3 p.m. Remaining 2026 monthly meetings: - Virtual meeting on Tues., June 30 at 2PM - Virtual meeting on Tues., July 28 at 2PM In-person meeting on Tues., August 25 at 2PM to be hosted at Alliance for Aging in Doral - Virtual meeting on Tues., September 29 at 2PM - Virtual meeting on Tues., October 27 at 2PM November and December meetings to be cancelled - Join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade online at www.healthymiamidade.org/membership, and/or share this invite with others who may be interested in participating.	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: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/membership/.
Partner Updates	- Presenter: Yadira Olaguiber Soler, Community Outreach Enrollment Specialist, Florida PACE Centers, Miami Jewish Health, YSoler@MiamiJewishHealth.org, 305-632-6743. - Marla Cocalis, Program Manager, StudentsCare a nonprofit that trains college students to be volunteers with isolated seniors at local facilities; Marla@Students-Care.org, 773-573-7328. - Rob Collins, The Miami Foundation, 305-357-2088, rcollins@miamifoundation.org. - Jennifer De Gruccio, Community Education & Outreach, Parkinson's Foundation Florida Chapter; jdegruccio@parkinson.org. - Witson Faustin, Health Services Representative, Office of Community Health & Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov, 786-732-8863. - Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Health Services Representative, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County; shared information about the Journey to Wellness Rx	Action Item(s): 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 2026 calendar year; please confirm your interest, topic suggestions via email to liaison: Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. Written submissions are due by 15th of month prior to publish month.

	prescription pads which can be requested for free online: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/forms/journey-to-wellness-rx-green-prescription-request-form.html#gsc.tab=0. • Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable; announced <i>Chair Yoga in the Garden</i> on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6PM (flyer in chat) at The Sculpture Garden for Older Adults located at 27 NW 39 Street in Wynwood; for questions or to RSVP contact Carmen Ramos Watson at 202-413-8899 or carmen@b-adaptable.com. • Nattaliah Earle, Collective Impact Manager, Urban Health Partnerships (UHP), nattaliah@urbanhp.org, 786-412-0469; shared the following: ○ Save The Date for Miami-Dade County Age Friendly Initiative (MDAFI) Community Gathering for Older Adults & Advocates on Sunday, June 28, 2026, 10AM to 3PM at Oak Grove Park, Miami, FL 33162, a wellness resource event with food distribution (info link in chat), for questions contact Teara@urbanhp.org. ○ MDAFI Stakeholder's Advisory Committee Meeting: Building Collaboration for Disability Awareness & Accessibility in Age-Friendly Efforts in person this Friday, May 1st, from 1:00-2:30PM at United Way Miami; register at https://canva.link/ctfiii39vxn494o. ○ May 21, 2026, from 12-3PM, Age-Friendly Initiative capacity building event, Building Miami-Dade's Age-Friendly Future: Parks, Policy & Community Impact at Arcola Lakes Senior Center (inside the Banquet Hall), located at 8401 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, FL 33147; Join lunch session for discussions & panel of age-friendly communities and leaders with breakout sessions to learn about age-friendly opportunities and action, and more; for questions contact Nattaliah Earle at nattaliah@urbanhp.org or 786-233-4457; to register go to Building Miami-Dade's Age-Friendly Future: Parks, Policy & Community Impact. • Dennise Nicola, Director of Business Development, FL PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health; DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org, 786-661-5644; shared info about Una Vida Sin Memoria: Latinos, Alzheimer y Parkinson Conference 2026 on Wednesday, May 13, 9AM-2PM in Spanish at Roberto Alfonso Community Center in Miami Lakes, free lunch included; register at https://lcaflorida.org/contact-us.	
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Adjournment	Chair, Dennise N. adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.. In-person attendees were offered a facility tour by Chair, Dennise N. from 3:15-3:45 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 2:00-3:00 PM via Microsoft Teams and will feature a presentation about chronic disease prevention by Dr. Natalie Gray.	