

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
 MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**
 Minutes
 Tuesday, February 27, 2018



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alfredo Vagmonde, Axis 2. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging 3. Allan Tavss, MDPR* 4. Allyssa Falise, DOH-MD* 5. Carmen Centeno, MDPLS 6. Cindy Brown, Lambda Living/JCS 7. David Saltman, FIU, Chair 8. Eddie Sierra, SF Senior Action 9. Francis Fernandez, Axis 10. Gina Gonzalez, Anthem 11. Isabel Rovira, Age Friendly Initiative* 12. Marianne Lobo, YCOOP 13. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency 14. Mary Anne Sherman, DOH-MD 15. Mayra Garcia, DOH-MD 16. Michael Pearson Alzheimer's Association 17. Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach* 18. Natasha Rena, Alliance for Aging 19. Nenha Martin, United Way of Miami-Dade* 20. Teri Arvesu, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor <p>*indicates member participated via teleconference</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, David Saltman welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:10 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. The meeting took place at Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1ST Street, Miami, FL 33128. Deputy Mayor, Maurice Kemp met briefly with the Elder Issues Committee. Members had a lively discussion with him about topics which he could assist the</p>	

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
 MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**
 Minutes
 Tuesday, February 27, 2018



	committee with. He agreed to contact the 13 County Commissioners for their recommendations of elders in the community and their caregivers to participate in EIC. We look forward to working with Mr. Kemp in the near future.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for November 28, 2017 were reviewed by the committee. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Cindy Brown and seconded by Marjorie York. All members who were present approved the minutes.	
Executive Board Update	A report was given by Michael Pearson, our Vice Chair. A presentation was given by the DOH-MD about Emergency Response in conjunction with other cities and on their own. There was also a continuation of the topic of sustainability. of the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade. Long term plans and gaps in service for the community and between the committees were discussed among the Chairs and the Vice Chairs of the committees.	
Previous Action Items	<p>We reviewed responses to our Membership Survey and determined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to involve unaffiliated elders from the community to attend our meetings by invitation of present members and at the suggestion of the 13 County Commissioners. • Have alternative meeting sites for EI meetings (Twice per year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cindy Brown of Lambda Living volunteered her location as a site for the June, 2018 meeting. It was accepted by the EIC. 	
Performance Measures in need of improvement	The committee is working toward having representation from the Long Term Care Community (MJHS, United HomeCare, Easter Seals, AARP, United Health Services). A letter to reach out to these organizations has been drafted by our Chair and is pending distribution.	

<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<p>Work on making a measure to be recommended for the CHIP by December 31, 2018</p> <p>We are working on the recommendation we collected from our Membership Survey to have representation from elders in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and inviting active elders who want to be a part of the Elder Issues Committee. • Cultivating interest from Senior volunteers already serving the committee. <p>The Chronic Disease subcommittee has some exciting news regarding the Diabetes Type 2 event. We have secured members of Baptist Health South Florida, Doctors Hospital to give presentations at the Diabetes Type 2 event to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at United Way of Miami. The presenters will represent medicine, nutrition and exercise as it relates to Diabetes Type 2. This half-day event promises to be a very informative outreach to the community.</p>	
<p>Presentation: <i>The Conversation Project</i> by David Saltman and Teri Arvesu</p>	<p>David Saltman and Teri Arvesu gave a presentation on the Conversation Project. A very informative Ted Talk video of Ellen Goodman was shown. The Conversation Program encourages people to talk about end of life decisions with their family members. 90% of people surveyed felt this conversation was important to have but only 20-30% have actually had this conversation with loved ones. End of life issues have great personal and health care ramifications. There is a Conversation Project forming in Miami-Dade County. Teri Arvesu, Rabbi</p>	

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**
Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

	<p>Klein, David Saltman and Susan Holtzman have begun meeting to bring this vital program to Miami-Dade County. The goal is to form a program patterned after those in other cities with cultural sensitivity to the Miami-Dade community. There is a tool kit complete with questions to begin talking with loved ones on line. We are all strongly urged to have the conversation with our family members as soon as possible.</p>	
Partners Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alina Becker announced there will be an Advanced Planning Workshop in conjunction with Baptist Health, South Florida on April 19, 2018 from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm at the Alliance for Aging. • Teri Arvesu stressed HIV as an elder issue as there has been an increase in the over 50 population. Also Miami is the #1 city in the nation with HIV cases. There will be an HIV Summit at FIU. More info to follow. • Marianne Lobo announced that 50+ Job Seekers which is affiliated with AARP will have workshops on March 6th, 7th, 8th, 20th, 21th and 22nd. Contact Marianne Lobo for more information. • Gina Gonzalez, Health Advocate for Anthem announced there will be a 6 week course for anyone with interest in Diabetes and Prediabetes beginning on March 4, 2018 offered in Spanish and English. For more information, contact Gina Gonzalez. • Marjorie York announced there will be a Japanese Spring Festival at the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens on March 25, 2018 at 10:00 am. • Natalie Lopez of the Office of Community Services, City of Miami Beach announced her office is offering free IRS tax Preparation for those with incomes of less than 54,000 dollars/year by appointment only. More information can be found on the IRS Website. • Michael Pearson announced the Alzheimer's Association will hold an Education Conference on March 22, 2018 at FIU North Campus. You will receive a flyer with more information via email. 	

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
 MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**
 Minutes
 Tuesday, February 27, 2018



Legislative Report	Michael Pearson briefly discussed the fact that there are no foreseen budget cuts to programs affecting elders as of now. In fact, there have been increases in spending for elders proposed in the present budget.	
Adjournment	David Saltman adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Stephen P. Clark Government Center 111 NW 1 st Street 29 th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.	