

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/  
 MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**  
 Minutes  
 Tuesday, July 25, 2017



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging</li> <li>2. Allen Zepeda, M-D Water and Sewer Department</li> <li>3. Betty Jimenez, Self</li> <li>4. Blanca Hernandez, Caballero Rivero</li> <li>5. Charlotte Goldberg, Vitas</li> <li>6. Cindy Brown, JCS Lamda Living</li> <li>7. Chair, David Saltman, FIU</li> <li>8. Doreen LoCicero, Reserve Florida*</li> <li>9. Evelyn Muniz Rodriguez, UF/IFAS Extention*</li> <li>10. Gina Gonzalez, Anthem</li> <li>11. Josh Laurence, Accessible Home Health Care, Aventura*</li> <li>12. Larry Dent, Senior Medicare Patrol</li> <li>13. Letty Pelaez, Consultant</li> <li>14. Linda Craig, MDPLS*</li> <li>15. Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing</li> <li>16. Maria Maria Hidalgo, Vitas</li> <li>17. Maria Machado, Office of the Mayor, M-DC</li> <li>18. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency</li> <li>19. Mary Anne Sherman FDOF M-D</li> <li>20. Vice Chair, Michael Pearson, Alzheimers Association</li> <li>21. Raquel Diaz, Terrabank</li> <li>22. Teri Busse-Arvesu, Office of the Mayor, M-D C</li> <li>23. Vanessa Menaco, HCSF*</li> <li>24. Yamila Carmona, University of Miami</li> <li>25. Yessenia Diaz, Intern Alliance for Aging</li> </ol>	

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	*Indicates Member Participated via Teleconference	
Welcome and Introductions	Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:05 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for May 30, 2017 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Alina Becker and seconded by Marjorie York. All members who were present agreed to approve the minutes.	
Executive Board Report	Michael Pearson reported on the Executive Board meeting which was held earlier this month. We are encouraged to “like” or “follow” the Consortium social media by the Marketing and Membership Committee. In this way we will be alerted to announcements by the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade County. Michael also announced that the 2017 DOH Miami-Dade County Community Partner Fair and Conference will be held on Friday, July 28, 2017 at the Miami Airport Convention Center from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.	.
Previous Action Items	<p>We are developing an internal survey to increase our membership and to have consistent attendance of our members.</p> <p>We are developing an invitation to our committee to increase membership.</p> <p>We are working toward having representation from the Long Term Care Community and the elder community.</p>	



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	<p>Dade County residents are age 65 and over. 623,154 residents are “Boomers”, 10,000 of them have retired each day since 2011 and this will continue to do so until 2028. By 2030 residents aged 65 and over will be 24% of our population. Today 13% of our residents age 65 and over live at or below the poverty line. This number may increase depending upon possible cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. David is planning to make this presentation to the Consortium’s other 6 committees in order bring about a greater understanding of what we do in Elder Issues Committee.</p>	
Partners Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raquel Diaz of Terrabank welcomes all to do business with her bank because they give personal service to their customers.</li> <li>2. Teri Busse-Arvesu reported on an eye-opening report given by Sandra Peoples, Anchor/Reporter for Univision about the decrease of people having children and the impact it will have on elders. Teri also reported that she is working with local social media to change the perception of elders.</li> <li>3. Maria Machado described her job assisting the public in the Office of the Mayor.</li> <li>4. Allen Zepeda of Miami-Dade Water and Sewer announced the availability of water-saving shower heads and toilets to the public.</li> <li>5. Larry Dent of Senior Medicare Patrol distributed literature about protecting elders from Medicare fraud.</li> <li>6. Blanca Hernandez of Caballero Rivero offered assistance to elders to pre plan their final arrangements.</li> <li>7. Charlotte Goldstein of VITAS there will be a certificate course for end of life care of Jewish patients.</li> <li>8. Marjorie York announced there are Summer art classes and an Art Exhibit on August 17,2017 at the Miami Beach Botanical Gardens. There will be a Women’s Equality Day on August 31, 2017 from 6:00PM-8:00PM at</li> </ol>	

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	<p>Drinkhouse Fire &amp; Ice 1672 Collins Avenue Miami, FL 33139. She also announced that a Day of Peace will be held on September 15, 2017.</p> <p>9. Cindy Brown announced there will be an open house for the LGBT at Lamda Living on July 26, 2017 located at 7275 NE 4 Avenue from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.</p> <p>10. Yamila Carmona of UM announced there is a Neuro Study of healthy seniors age 85+ There is no cost to the participants. There will an MRI of the Brain given. The study focuses on what causes successful aging.</p> <p>11. Mary Anne Sherman announced that the 2017 DOH Miami-Dade Community Fair and Conference will take place at the Miami Airport Convention Center on July 28, 2017 from 8:00 AM-5:00PM.</p> <p>12. Doreen LoCiero of Reserve Florida reported that the Dementia Care Coach Program was funded and that persons with mostly medical backgrounds were being trained for the program.</p> <p>13. Betty Jimenez encouraged all to attend the public hearings held by the Mayor's Office on September 22 &amp; 24, 2017 to let their voices be heard.</p> <p>14. Internal Services Department and The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women present Joint Venture Outreach Event on August 11, 2017 from 10:30 AM-12:30PM at North Miami Library 835 NE 132 Street North Miami, FL 33161.</p>	
Legislative report	Teri Busse-Arvesu distributed a Fact sheet entitled, "The Dangers of the American Health Care Act (AHCA) for Older Adults" The fact sheet has important information that is pertinent to the Elder Issues Committee.	
Adjournment	David Saltman adjourned the meeting at 4:05 PM.	



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Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at Arcola Lakes Park Senior Center at 8401 NW 14 Avenue, Miami, FL 33147 from 2:00 PM-4:00PM.	
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