

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
 MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**
 Minutes
 Tuesday, October 31, 2017



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging* 2. Blanca Hernandez, Caballero Rivero Woodland Parks 3. Cindy Brown, JCS Lambda Living 4. David Saltman, Chair, FIU 5. Jane Klein, Personal Med Management 6. Larry Dent, Senior Medical Patrol* 7. Lily Lightbourne, Cap Tel 8. Maria Hildago, VITAS 9. Marjory York, Community Action Agency 10. Mary Anne Sherman, FDOH-MD 11. Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD* 12. Michael Pearson, Vice Chair, Alzheimer's Association 13. Muriel Kemp, Bankers Life 14. Nenha Martin, United Way of Miami-Dade County 15. Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach* 16. Nick Brunzell, Bankers Life 17. Patrick Wilson, Community Action 18. Teri Arvesu, Miami-Dade County 19. Wendie Nemezolf, Masada Home Health 20. Yamila Carmona, University of Miami <p style="text-align: center;">*Indicates member participated via teleconference.</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:05 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. The meeting took place at Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 St., 29th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33126</p>	

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Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for September 26, 2017 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Cindy Brown and seconded by Marjorie York. All members who were present agreed to approve the minutes.	
Executive Board Report	The primary agenda was a presentation by Tobacco- Free Work Group. Updates were give: there are over 60 chapters of Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) in Florida. There are 16 chapters in Miami-Dade County. There are also smoke-free Colleges and bars. Flavored tobacco and Hookah are marketed to teens aggressively. Smoking can be done in many bars in Florida. Florida remains friendly to Tobacco, but we have made progress in the area of smoke-free public housing and multi housing. Statistics on Tobacco can be found on the Consortium Website.	
Previous Action Items	<p>We have drafted an internal survey and an invitation to increase our membership and to have consistent attendance of our members.</p> <p>We are working toward having representation from the Long Term Care Community and the elder community. (MJHS, United Home Care, etc.) The members of the meeting were encouraged to tell David if there are any organizations he should add to the list of those we will contact. Only 17% of residents of ALF's, SNF' or Rehabilitation Facilities get any oral health care. This is a very important issue for elders.</p> <p>We have formed a Chronic Disease Subcommittee led by Michael Pearson. The members are: Alina Becker, Teri Arvesu and Yamila Carmona.</p> <p>The Chronic Disease Subcommittee will plan a Type 2 Diabetes/Obesity Presentation for the public. We discussed possibly working with Baptist Health and the ADA to provide a speaker for this event. for this event. The Committee is looking for sponsored money this event. The Elder Issues Committee will</p>	

<p>Recognition of Improvement</p>	<p>most likely sponsor this proposed event on our own modeled after the Transportation event we hosted last year.</p> <p>Work has been completed regarding drafting the invitation and the committee will reach out to Long term care organizations. (MJHS, United Home Care, Easter Seals, AARP and United Way.</p> <p>Work on making a measure to be recommended for the CHIP by December 31, 2018</p> <p>Maria Hildago and Teri Arvesu presented David Saltman, our Chair with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Latin Center on Aging.</p>	
<p>Presentation by Lily Lightbourne of Cap Tel</p>	<p>Lily reported on Cap Tel's program to provide captioned telephone free of charge to those individuals who are hard of hearing. This Federally funded program is provided through the Americans with Disability Act. It is necessary for those who need this phone to have a doctor or ENT fill out a request form. There are three models of phones that are for the specific person's needs. The phone</p>	<p>Thank you Lily for your presentation.</p>

	<p>translates the verbal word to closed captions with only 3-4 seconds of delay. The phone can be programed in English and Spanish by the user. It is a great service.</p>	
<p>Partners Updates</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nenha Martin of the United Way announced the formation of an Older Adults Task Force. They are looking for a Polling Consultant to work towards developing an Older Adult Advocacy Task Force very much like the Children's Trust. 2. Cindy Brown of Lambda Living (LGBT focused and affirming multigenerational living space) passed out literature about her program and the activities that they sponsor. See Cindy for details. 3. Teri Arvesu spoke about her involvement in the Age Friendly Initiative and that the results of their survey will be announced on November 7, 2017 4. Marjory York announced there will be A Holiday Bazar at the. Miami Beach Botanical Gardens on November 19, 2017. 5. Michael Pearson announced that the Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease will take place on November 4, 2017. It is not too late to sign up. See Michael for details. 6. Florida Impact SNAP Outreach and Congregate meals centers also the Alliance for Aging 	
<p>Legislative report by David Saltman and Teri Arvesu</p>	<p>Committees in Tallahassee are beginning to meet. The issues of Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act are in the spotlight. David spoke with Senator Rene Garcia regarding these topics. There is little promotion of the Affordable Care Act and many people will as a result, not have health insurance. Teri reported on licensure being extended for Health care facilities pending compliance with new regulations. Maria Hildago reported the Administrator of West Gables Rehab and the Councilman from Miami Lakes are drafting legislature pertaining to elder health issues. Alina Becker had an update that there is a proposed budget of</p>	

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	\$350,000,000 for elderly services. (Frail elderly, Alzheimer's patient and their caregivers.	
Adjournment	David Saltman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Stephen P. Clark Government Center 111 NW 1 st Street 29 th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33126.	