

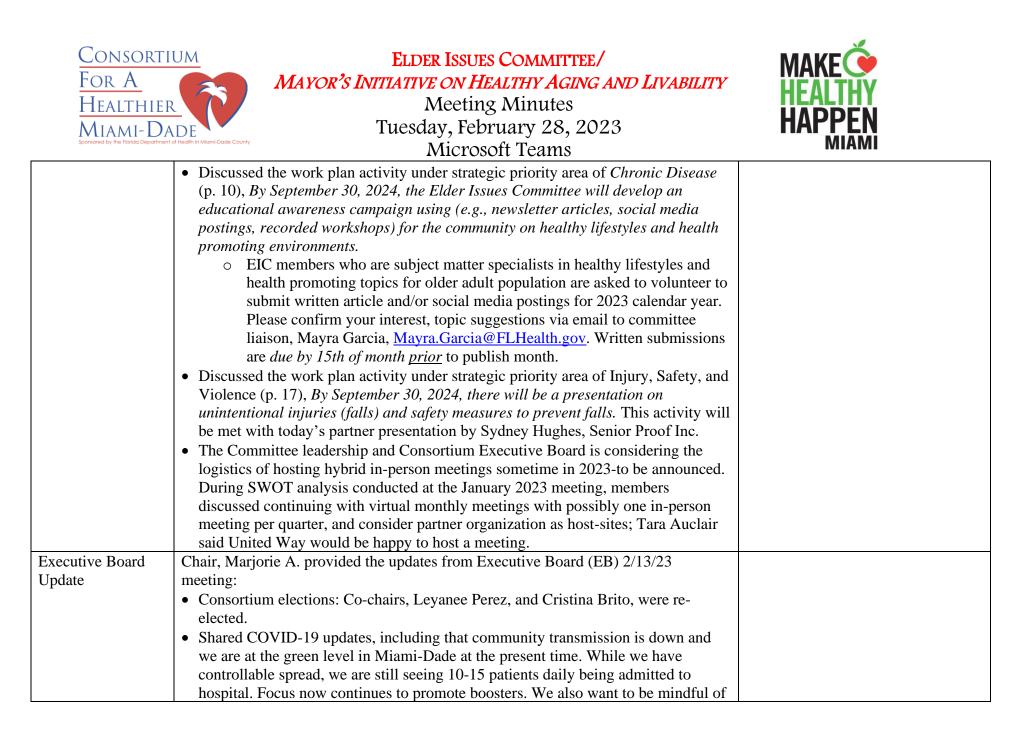
ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/ MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON HEALTHY AGING AND LIVABILITY

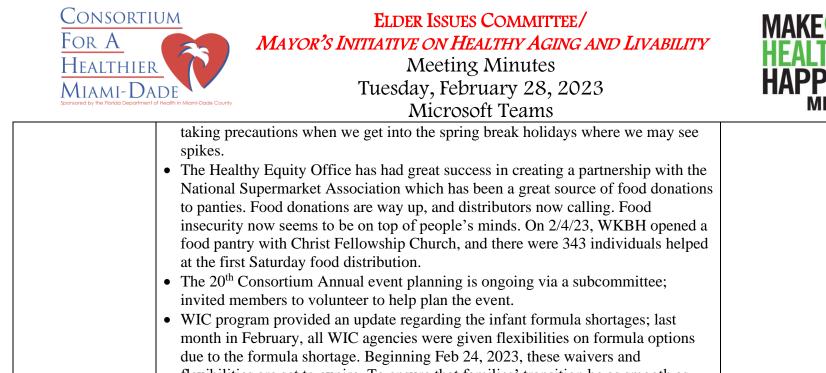
Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 28, 2023 Microsoft Teams



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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/Attendees	1. Brittany Allen, Alliance for Aging, Inc.	
	2. Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network – Chair	
	3. Vanessa Armenta, Senior Proof, Inc. – Guest	
	4. Marilyn Escobar, All One Realty	
	5. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	6. Mariangelli "Angie" Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office	
	7. Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue	
	8. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	9. Susan O. Holtzman, Older Adult and Special Needs Advocate, Miami-Dade	
	County Office of the Mayor – Vice-Chair	
	10. Sydney Hughes, Senior Proof Inc. – Presenter	
	11. Bianca Montenegro, City of Miami Beach	
	12. Dennise Nicola, PACE/Miami Jewish Health	
	13. Jevon M. Olea, A1A Behavioral Health	
	14. Franchine Peters, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center	
	15. Darlene Ross, Cano Health	
	16. Yarisleivy Silva Acosta, Miami-Dade AHEC	
	17. Stacey Silver, Mom's Meals	
	18. Jessica Soto, SAGE Miami Services for LGBTQ+ Elders	
	19. Michelle Varas, City of Miami	
	20. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County	
	21. Melody Velez, United Healthcare	
	22. Alex Yarijanian, Carenodes	
	23. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency	
Welcome and	Chair, Marjorie Aloni welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:00 PM.	
Introductions	The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams due to the ongoing coronavirus	
	(COVID-19) situation. Chair, Marjorie Aloni provided general meeting guidelines for	
	attendees which were also placed in the meeting chat, and Vice-Chair, Susan	
	Holtzman assisted with the agenda. Attendee introductions were done during <i>Partner</i>	

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Review and Approval of	Updates, and attendees were encouraged to put their contact information/organizational updates in the chat in the beginning of the meeting.The minutes from the last meeting on January 31, 2023, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Susan II, and accorded by Alex V. The minutes were encouraged without	
Minutes Previous Action Items(s)	 Susan H. and seconded by Alex Y. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections. Monthly meeting will continue to be held virtually until further notice. Continue timeline development for work plan activities (ongoing). Discussed the work plan activity related to housing and the older adult population under strategic priority area of <i>Health Equity</i> (p. 3), <i>By September 30, 2024, the Elder Issues Committee will increase the number of meetings with local officials to educate them on housing policies related to the elderly population.</i> The updated <i>Elder Issues Committee-Housing Policy Issues Impacting Older Adults Plan</i> document was emailed on 2/3/23 to all EIC members prior to today's meeting. Next step is to have meetings with local officials. In November 2022 meeting, Chair, Marjorie A., suggested she could set up appointments to meet with the five newly elected commissioners and asked who would be interested in attending; Marjorie York mentioned she would like to attend and at the January 2023 meeting, said she has a complete list of the County Commissioners which she could share with Marjorie A. to assist with setting up future meetings. At today's meeting, Marjorie A. mentioned the scheduling of these meetings is still pending, and invited any other members interested in attending to let her know. EIC members are asked to please let Chair, Marjorie Aloni, marjieealoni@gmail.com, Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman, Susan.Holtzman@miamidade.org, and/or committee liaison, Mayra Garcia, Mayra.<u>Garcia@FLHealth.gov</u>, know of any meetings they plan on having with local officials or other change agents related to housing issues for older adults so that assistance can be provided as needed, and efforts and progress can be tracked on this work plan activity. 	 Action Item(s): Pending meetings with local officials to educate them on housing policies related to the elderly population. 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 2023 calendar year; please confirm your interest, topic suggestions via email to liaison: Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. Written submissions are <i>due by 15th of month prior</i> to publish month.





	• The 20 th Consortium Annual event planning is ongoing via a subcommittee;	
	invited members to volunteer to help plan the event.	
	• WIC program provided an update regarding the infant formula shortages; last	
	month in February, all WIC agencies were given flexibilities on formula options	
	due to the formula shortage. Beginning Feb 24, 2023, these waivers and	
	flexibilities are set to expire. To ensure that families' transition be as smooth as	
	possible, the WIC program will be taking a phased approach. The EB advises to	
	our partners to stay up to date so that they can help with this transition and refer	
	WIC families to call the WIC center at 786-336-1300 for assistance.	
Legislative Report	Vice-Chair, Susan H. provided a legislative report with updates which were later	
	emailed to EIC members on 3/2/23.	
Presentation:	EIC member and partner, Sydney Hughes, Founder/CEO, Senior Proof Inc., gave a	Action Item(s):
Fall Prevention and	15-minute presentation on fall prevention and senior proofing. We are so thankful to	Submit suggestion(s) for future
Senior Proofing, on a	Ms. Hughes for taking the time to inform us about strategies and tips on senior	presentations at Elder Issues
Budget!	proofing the home environment on a budget and ways to prevent falls in older adults.	Committee meetings via email to:
	Hosting this presentation is related to the EIC work plan activity to have a	<u>marjieealoni@gmail.com,</u>
	presentation on unintentional injuries (falls) and safety measures to prevent falls	susan.holtzman@miamidade.gov,
	(Strategic Priority-Injury, Safety, and Violence, p.17). With the presenters' consent,	& <u>Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov</u> .
	the Senior Proof presentation, Fall Prevention tip sheet (English & Spanish), and Ms.	
	Hughes's contact information, were emailed to all EIC members after the meeting on	
	3/1/23.	

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Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	 Chair, Marjorie A. led discussion on the following in the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024: Timeline development for work plan activities will continue. By September 30, 2024, there will be a presentation by lawyers that specialize in immigration law. (relates to work plan activities under Access to Care, p. 6). Next steps: meetings with local officials. Please let our liaison, Mayra Garcia, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov, Chair, Marjorie Aloni, marjieealoni@gmail.com, and/or Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman, Susan.Holtzman@miamidade.org know of any meetings you plan on having with local officials or other change agents related to housing issues for older adults so that we can assist as needed and keep track of efforts and progress on this work plan activity related to housing (under Health Equity, p. 3) 	 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 2022 calendar year; please confirm your interest, topic suggestions, questions via email: Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. Written submissions due by 15th of month prior to publish month.
Recognition of Improved Performance	 EI Committee SWOT analysis review on 1/31/23 23 attendees at meeting in January 2023 	
Partner Updates	 Marjorie Aloni announced she has her own LLC, the Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network which meets once a month for any professional that deals with seniors, to talk about various issues, and do some advocacy work; if interested in learning more about it, please call 305-766-2976. Dennise Nicola, Senior Sales Specialist, FL PACE Centers, 786-661-5644, <u>DNicola@MiamiJewishHealth.org</u>,; covers Miami-Dade & Broward County, funded by Medicaid, with program goal to provide resources to seniors to keep them at home safely. Marilyn Escobar, All One Realty, <u>https://hihello.me/hi/servingseniors</u>, a certified seniors real estate specialist with the National Association of Realtors; also sponsoring a social worker and case manager luncheon on May 25th which she would like to invite everyone to the in-person Networking Group for Leaders in the Senior Space: <u>https://vid.us/7mqt0b</u>. Brittany Allen, Grant Writer, Alliance for Aging, <u>allenb@allianceforaging.org</u>. 	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: <u>https://www.healthymiamidade.or</u> <u>g/membership/</u> .

