

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brittany Allen, Alliance for Aging, Inc. 2. Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network – <i>Chair</i> 3. Vanessa Armenta, Senior Proof, Inc. – <i>Guest</i> 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 – <i>Vice-Chair</i> 10. Sydney Hughes, Senior Proof Inc. – <i>Presenter</i> 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 Introductions	<p>Chair, Marjorie Aloni welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:00 PM. 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></p>	

	<p><i>Updates</i>, and attendees were encouraged to put their contact information/organizational updates in the chat in the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
<p>Review and Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>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 H. and seconded by Alex Y. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections. Monthly meeting will continue to be held virtually until further notice.</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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, marjieeealoni@gmail.com, Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman, Susan.Holtzman@miamidade.org, and/or committee liaison, Mayra Garcia, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov, 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. 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <i>Written submissions are due by 15th of month prior to publish month.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the work plan activity under strategic priority area of <i>Chronic Disease</i> (p. 10), <i>By September 30, 2024, the Elder Issues Committee will develop an educational awareness campaign using (e.g., newsletter articles, social media postings, recorded workshops) for the community on healthy lifestyles and health promoting environments.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 committee liaison, Mayra Garcia, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. Written submissions are <i>due by 15th of month prior</i> to publish month. • Discussed the work plan activity under strategic priority area of Injury, Safety, and Violence (p. 17), <i>By September 30, 2024, there will be a presentation on unintentional injuries (falls) and safety measures to prevent falls.</i> This activity will be met with today's partner presentation by Sydney Hughes, Senior Proof Inc. • The Committee leadership and Consortium Executive Board is considering the logistics of hosting hybrid in-person meetings sometime in 2023-to be announced. During SWOT analysis conducted at the January 2023 meeting, members discussed continuing with virtual monthly meetings with possibly one in-person meeting per quarter, and consider partner organization as host-sites; Tara Auclair said United Way would be happy to host a meeting. 	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>Chair, Marjorie A. provided the updates from Executive Board (EB) 2/13/23 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium elections: Co-chairs, Leyanee Perez, and Cristina Brito, were re-elected. • Shared COVID-19 updates, including that community transmission is down and we are at the green level in Miami-Dade at the present time. While we have controllable spread, we are still seeing 10-15 patients daily being admitted to hospital. Focus now continues to promote boosters. We also want to be mindful of 	

	<p>taking precautions when we get into the spring break holidays where we may see spikes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Healthy Equity Office has had great success in creating a partnership with the National Supermarket Association which has been a great source of food donations to pantries. Food donations are way up, and distributors now calling. Food insecurity now seems to be on top of people's minds. On 2/4/23, WKBH opened a food pantry with Christ Fellowship Church, and there were 343 individuals helped at the first Saturday food distribution. • The 20th 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: <i>Fall Prevention and Senior Proofing, on a Budget!</i>	EIC member and partner, Sydney Hughes, Founder/CEO, Senior Proof Inc., gave a 15-minute presentation on fall prevention and senior proofing. We are so thankful to Ms. Hughes for taking the time to inform us about strategies and tips on senior proofing the home environment on a budget and ways to prevent falls in older adults. Hosting this presentation is related to the EIC work plan activity to have a presentation on unintentional injuries (falls) and safety measures to prevent falls (Strategic Priority- <i>Injury, Safety, and Violence</i> , p.17). With the presenters' consent, the Senior Proof presentation, <i>Fall Prevention</i> tip sheet (English & Spanish), and Ms. Hughes's contact information, were emailed to all EIC members after the meeting on 3/1/23.	Action Item(s): Submit suggestion(s) for future presentations at Elder Issues Committee meetings via email to: marjiecealoni@gmail.com , susan.holtzman@miamidade.gov , & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov .

<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Chair, Marjorie A. led discussion on the following in the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline development for work plan activities will continue. • <i>By September 30, 2024, there will be a presentation by lawyers that specialize in immigration law.</i> (relates to work plan activities under Access to Care, p. 6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next steps: meetings with local officials. Please let our liaison, Mayra Garcia, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov, Chair, Marjorie Aloni, marjjealoni@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 <i>Health Equity</i>, p. 3) 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <i>Written submissions due by 15th of month prior to publish month.</i>
<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EI Committee SWOT analysis review on 1/31/23 • 23 attendees at meeting in January 2023 	
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, DNicola@MiamiJewishHealth.org; 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, https://hihello.me/hi/servingseniors, 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: https://vid.us/7mqt0b. • Brittany Allen, Grant Writer, Alliance for Aging, allenb@allianceforaging.org. 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/.

- Alex Yarijanian, CEO, Carenodes, an organization that works with many medical groups, and has decided to focus on Alzheimer's solutions for older adults; he serves on the state of Reform Panel for Florida which takes place in May and they're looking for speakers if anyone has any suggestions; he has CEO's from different health plans on that panel, former deputy HHS secretary, and other folks from the industry looking to have an internal discussion versus a vendor commercial for the convention.
- Franchine Peters, Program Manager, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center at Jackson Memorial Hospital; provide free sexual assault services to survivors starting at age 12 and over with therapy, support group and other services; Franchine.Peters@jhsMiami.org.
- Jessica Soto, Sage Miami, Program Coordinator provides services for LGBTQ elders throughout Miami-Dade County; announced they provide care management to reduce isolation to make sure that people are getting the benefits they're entitled to., and can provide emergency financial assistance, for example, if someone can't pay part of their mortgage one month because the property taxes went up and they're on a fixed income; 786-604-0082, jsoto@sageusa.org; lunch & learn on March 30th to watch Alliance for Aging webinar on safety.
- Witson Faustin, Health Services Representative, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Office of Community Health & Planning, Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov.
- Mariangelli (Angie) Fernandez, PIO Community Outreach Representative, Office of the State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, www.miamisao.com, 305-547-0724, fernang@miamisao.com; announced she will be sharing a flyer for upcoming event for sealing expungement of one arrest so that people can rejoin the workforce.
- Blanca Montenegro, City of Miami Beach, Office of Housing and Community Services-Program Manager; announced that they were approved for CDBG funding for rent assistance for City of Miami Beach, and they are waiting for the

	<p>contract to be executed so they can make it official; one bigger challenge is finding housing for elderly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, announced that Tobacco Program has been working with multi-unit housing sites to become smoke-free; laurie.Varona@flhealth.gov. • Melody Velez, United Healthcare, with community outreach for our community and state segment, which deals with Medicaid and long-term care waiver here in Miami-Dade County. • Yarisleivy Silva Acosta, Miami-Dade AHEC, Community Health Educator announced they continue running the program with incentive for those that qualify to quit smoking and are 18 years or older, until March 31st; referrals welcome; ysilva@mdahec.org, 305-994-9268 Ext 307. • Marjorie York announced a big event will be held in Miami Beach next week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the Climate Change Conference by the Aspen Institute from Washington; contact Miami Beach City Hall for information or to attend. • Sydney Hughes, Senior Proof Inc., announced they are retrofitting three homes for three low-income families; if you know any needy seniors in Miami-Dade, please email: ccardona@seniorproof.com; for more information, email: https://www.seniorproof.com. • Francis Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Community Assistance/Elder-Links. • Susan Holtzman, Older Adult & Special Needs Advocate, Miami-Dade County Office of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Susan.holtzman@miamidadegov. 	
Adjournment	Chair, Marjorie A. adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 28 th , 2023, 2:00-3:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.	