

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc. 2. Rob Collins, HOPE, Inc. 3. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships 4. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 5. Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office 6. Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue 7. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 8. Natalie Gray, Pharm. D., Larkin University College of Pharmacy 9. Susan O. Holtzman, NAMI Miami – <i>Vice-Chair</i> 10. Deborah J. Lowe, Law Offices of Deborah J. Lowe 11. Barbara (Barby) Morales, United Senior Consultants 12. Dennise Nicola, PACE/Miami Jewish Health 13. Gloria Orlandi-Kass, Alzheimer’s Association 14. Alexander Orta, Alliance for Aging 15. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 16. Lili Portmann, Center for Independent Living of South Florida 17. Louisenie Remy, Jackson Health Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 18. Lymari Rivera, Mount Sinai Medical Center Eldercare (PACE) 19. Natalia Shtompel, Barry University School of Social Work 20. Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces 21. Dianna Valenzuela, Public Partnerships - <i>Presenter</i> 22. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 23. Melody Velez, United Healthcare 24. Kiana R. Winslow, University of Miami MD/MPH intern – <i>Guest</i> 25. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone call) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Today’s meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Chair, Marjorie Aloni was not able to attend the meeting due to a family health matter. In her absence, Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:02 PM, provided general meeting guidelines for attendees, and led the agenda. Attendee</p>	

	introductions were done during <i>Partner Updates</i> , and virtual attendees were encouraged to put their contact information/organizational updates in the chat.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting on August 27, 2024, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marjorie Y. and seconded by Barby M. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.	
Previous Action Items(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue timeline development for work plan activities (ongoing). • See <i>Work Plan Review</i> below. 	
Executive Board (EB) Update	<p>Vice-Chair, Susan H. provided updates from EB 9/9/24 virtual meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EB met in-person at the Health Council of South Florida with a virtual option on Monday, September 9, 2024. The Board continues the conversation on COVID-19, optimal health, and addressing the drivers of health. • The EB is working on updating the Consortium elevator speech and health agenda message when meeting with new community partners to share on the work we are doing collectively as well as sharing how they can get involved with the Consortium. When approved, we will share with the Consortium members too. • We wanted to also share the Consortium Chair and Vice-Chair elections are upcoming for the next 2-year term. This includes both calendar years, 2025 and 2026. As a reminder, we will first host nominations and then confirm with the nominees if interested in running. Then, we will launch the elections. More details will be shared in the next couple of months. • Other updates were shared on the topic of food insecurity and the Mayor's Initiative on Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative. • The Mayor's Initiative on Food and Nutrition For All Collaborative is in Phase 2 of their coalition building process which includes sharing out Engagement Letters with the partners. There will also be a new Farm Share location in North Dade. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Hill provided updates on the Hunger Relief Town Hall, hosted on Fri. Sept. 6th, 2024, by Feeding South Florida, in partnership with Health Choice Network, Broward Community and Family Health Centers, University of Miami Health System, and Jessie Trice Community Health System, and supported by the National Institute of Health. • The Community Partner Assessment (CPA) Results Webinar was hosted virtually on Fri. Aug. 23, 2024, from 10AM to 11:30AM. There was a total of 67 attendees. The purpose of this webinar shared the results of the CPA survey. This will help further identify the organizations involved in MAPP, their capacities, skills, community strengths, and opportunities for greater impact to improve our community's health together. The results will inform the new Community Health Improvement Plan. 	
<p>Legislative Report</p>	<p>There were no legislative updates available from EIC member, Brenda Lampon with the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor as she did not attend the meeting. Vice-Chair, Susan H. mentioned that the State legislative session starts in February (actually, March 4, 2025). She also shared the Board of Miami-Dade County Commissioners passed an amended budget last Thursday which includes funding for the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative to continue the work of the past 12 years.</p>	
<p>Presentation: <i>Florida's Medicaid Waiver Long-Term Care-Participant Directed Option (PDO)</i></p>	<p>EIC member and partner, Dianna Valenzuela, BAHS Community Liaison, Florida, PPL (formerly, Public Partnerships) gave a 15-minute presentation on Florida's Medicaid Waiver Long-Term Care - Participant Directed Option (PDO). Here are a few highlights provided by Dianna on the PDO program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PDO program is available, at no additional cost, to adults with physical disabilities and the elderly who use Medicaid waivers through the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care program (SMMC-LTC). • PDO offers numerous benefits; participants have the freedom to remain in the comfort of their home or family home for as long as possible. They have the flexibility to customize their care schedule and services, and the power and freedom to directly hire, train and supervise paid caregivers. These could be a trusted friend, family member, or someone else they trust. 	<p>Action Item(s): Submit suggestion(s) for future presentations at Elder Issues Committee meetings via email to: marjeealoni@gmail.com, Susan.Holtzman@namimiami.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPL is the Financial Management Service Agency provider appointed Florida Community Care and Simply Healthcare. • <u>VIDEO > PPL - Self Direction Home Care Explained</u> <p>For questions, please contact Dianna Valenzuela, BAHS Community Liaison for Florida, PPL at DValenzuela@pplfirst.com, 786-697-1227. You can also call the <i>Concierge Team</i> (866) 537-8386, email at Learn@pplfirst.com, for assistance and guidance to determine if this program is the right choice for a client. You can also visit PPL online at www.pplfirst.com. With the consent of the presenter, the presentation and program resources were shared with all EIC members in a follow-up email on 9/25/24.</p>	
<p>Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)</p>	<p>Vice-Chair, Susan H. led discussion on the following in the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following activity and related measures under <i>Maternal Child Health</i>, p. 15, needs to be completed <i>by September 30, 2024, the Elder Issues Committee will identify and collect data that is available on providing familial and generational support.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was data identified and collected? Yes, possible data sources were discussed at last meeting on 5/28/24, and again during today's meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In past meetings, online data sources, such as FLHealth Charts, Aging in Florida Dashboard, and Miami Matters have been mentioned as sources of data on older adults and health indicators for this population. ▪ Nattaliah Earle, UHP, attended this meeting but during today's discussion it was noted that she was no longer present. In her absence, Mayra provided a few updates regarding the 2024 Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey, a UHP-led community survey for adults 50+ years of age. UHP reported in a recent email that they had collected 112% of their targeted survey responses for a rich data set to be analyzed and to inform their 5-year Action Plan in progress. The demographics of the responses include 57% identifying as Hispanic, 34% as white, and 17% as black. The survey highlighted housing as the top priority, followed by 	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members can share this link to invite partners to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's Elder Issues Committee by registering for free online: https://www.healthymiamidade.org/membership/. • Request a presentation from UHP on the Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey results for a future EIC meeting.

access to services, healthcare, and transportation. These insights will be used to develop MDAFI strategies to address community needs. Vice-Chair Susan H. suggested that we could ask UHP to provide a presentation on the survey findings at a future EIC meeting.

- At past meetings, Brenda Lampon, the Equity and Engagement Manager for Older Adults, Mental Health and Disabilities, Mayor's Office committed to be a source of data and resources related to older adults and families as needed. However, Brenda L. was not present at today's meeting.

- Did the EIC increase the awareness among households with grandparents to inform them of local community resources? **Yes**, Mayra G. regularly shares local community resources and events for children, families and older adults via emails to EIC members.

- The following activity under *Communicable Diseases & Emergent Threats*, p. 20, need to be completed *by September 30, 2024, the Elder Issues Committee will...*

- ... *invite partners (e.g., local pharmacies) to join and support their efforts to increase awareness on the prevention and control of infectious diseases.*

Yes, EIC members have been inviting representatives from local pharmacies to join the Consortium's EIC to help with this measure. In past EIC meetings, member, Laurie V. committed to invite pharmacist organizations for possible collaboration. At the meeting on 6/25/24, Brenda L. from Mayor's Office said she had invited two local pharmacy contacts to attend EIC meeting; two representatives from Walgreens attended the 6/25/24 meeting (Maria Averhoff, Store Manager, and Manuel Reyes) and although they were invited to join the Consortium, they did not submit a member registration. Natalie Gray, Pharm D., Larkin School of Pharmacy, Senior Academic/Research Fellow, who joined the Consortium's Elder Issues Committee on 7/22/24, was present at today's meeting. Ms. Gray agreed to assist with these

	efforts, as well as, sharing relevant information for older adults with her other pharmacist colleagues.	
Recognition of Improved Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person hybrid meeting on August 27th was hosted at Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS) and featured presentations by EIC members, Cindy Brown and Serena Thompson and JCS colleague, Lily Suazo about JCS programs/services, and by community partner, Elizabeth Morales, Social Services Administrator about Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department's Older Adults & Individuals with Disabilities Services Division. The August hybrid meeting had 35 attendees in total (11 in person & 24 virtual). 	
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next monthly meeting will be on October 29th via Teams The monthly meeting in November on the 26th will be an in-person hybrid meeting to be hosted by Blanca Ceballos at United HomeCare, located at 8400 NW 33rd Street, Suite 400, Miami, FL 33122. Guests, and members who would like to invite their colleagues serving the older adult population to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's Elder Issues Committee, can register for free online at www.healthymiamidade.org/membership. 	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayra Garcia, Community Liaison for the Elder Issues Committee (EIC), FDOH-Miami-Dade, Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov; shared the three reminders (see previous section). Susan Holtzman, NAMI Miami, susan.holtzman@namimiami.org; NAMI Helpline 305-665-2540 (9AM-5PM); shared they offer suicide prevention and other mental health trainings online and in-person; for information on all programs and the film festival on October 20th, go to www.NAMImiami.org. Melody Velez, Sr Community Outreach, UnitedHealthcare Medicaid and LTC program. Dennise Nicola, FL PACE CENTERS at Miami Jewish Health, 786-661-5644, dnicola@miamijewishhealth.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/.

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

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Microsoft Teams



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade County, 786-732-8849, dayamyra.perezfernandez@flhealth.gov. • Rob Collins, HOPE, Inc; we fight housing discrimination, 305-651-4673, rob@hopefhc.com. • Angie Fernandez, PIO/Community Outreach, Office of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, fernang@miamisao.com, 305-547-0724; www.miamisao.com; will share info about an upcoming expungement event on Oct. 23rd via email once the flyer is ready; contact for interest in scheduling Elderly Abuse and Voters Rights community group presentations for older adults. • Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center; they have support groups and outreach education on sexual assault prevention; call the Helpline for more information: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 305-585-RAPE (7273). • Lymari Rivera, Mount Sinai Eldercare PACE, Lymari.rivera@msmc.com, 954-709-1291. • Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc., charlesm@allianceforaging.org; for information about older adult programs, email Programs@AllianceforAging.org. • Laurie Varona, Senior Health Educator, Tobacco Prevention Program, Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade County, Laurie.Varona@flhealth.gov. • Witson Faustin, Office of Community Health and Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Health Services Representative, 786-732-8863, Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov. • Frances Garcia, Coordinator, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Community Assistance/Elder-Links. • Dianna Valenzuela, Community Liaison, PPL (Public Partnerships) for Florida; We support the Participant Direction Option (PDO) which is a choice available to any enrolled member of Florida's Medicaid Waiver long-term care program or Home & Community Based Services; Dvalenzuela@pplfirst.com, 786-697-1227. • Lili Portmann, Center for Independent Living of South Florida. 	<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 liaison: Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov. <i>Written submissions are due by 15th of month prior to publish month.</i>
Adjournment	Vice-Chair, Susan H. adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.	



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Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 2:00-3:00 PM via Microsoft Teams.	
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