

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maria Sol Acosta, Community Care Plan 2. Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network – <i>Chair</i> 3. Katherine Bolt, Miami-Dade County 4. Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc. 5. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships 6. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 7. Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office 8. Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue 9. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 10. Susan O. Holtzman, NAMI Miami – <i>Vice-Chair</i> 11. Yvette Martinez, AARP 12. Luis Moreno, Epilepsy Alliance of Florida 13. Dennise Nicola, PACE/Miami Jewish Health 14. Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade 15. Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable 16. Louisenie Remy, Jackson Health Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 17. Bianca Taylor Robinson, University of Miami MD/MPH intern - <i>Guest</i> 18. Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces 19. Laurie Varona, Florida Department of Health in M-D County - <i>Presenter</i> 20. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone call) 	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, Marjorie Aloni welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:02 PM. She provided general meeting guidelines for attendees which were also placed in the meeting chat, and Vice-Chair, Susan Holtzman assisted with the agenda. Virtual attendees were encouraged to put their contact information and any organizational updates/announcements in the chat.</p>	
Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>The minutes from the last meeting on September 24, 2024, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marjorie Y., and seconded by Dennise N. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.</p>	

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>Chair, Marjorie A. provided updates from EB 10/7/24 virtual meeting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EB has been reviewing elevator speech and health agenda message created to engage elected officials and policy stakeholders. Consortium Chair & Vice-Chair elections are upcoming for next 2-year term to include both calendar years, 2025 & 2026. First, nominations will be collected via survey Nov. 12 to 19, 2024. Then, Nov. 20-27, 2024, nominees will be confirmed. Elections to take place via survey Dec. 2 to 9, 2024.* <p>*Chair, Marjorie A. added that EIC is looking for nominees for Vice-Chair role as current Vice-Chair, Susan H. is looking to step-down. Interested members can reach out to her and/or Mayra G., community liaison. Chair, Marjorie A. made three suggestions for possible candidates: Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office, Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships & M-D Age-Friendly Initiative, & Katherine Bolt, M-D Elder Affairs Advisory Board.</p>	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Marjorie Aloni will reach out to three EIC members suggested as possible candidates for role of Vice-Chair.
Legislative Report	<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.</p>	
Presentation: <i>Vaping Prevalence and Limited Education Among the 55+ Community</i>	<p>EIC member and partner, Laurie Varona, MPH, Senior Health Educator, Tobacco Prevention Program, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County gave a 30-minute presentation, <i>Vaping Prevalence and Limited Education Among the 55+ Community</i>, about vaping trends and education needs among older adults. For questions, please contact Laurie Varona, MPH, Senior Health Educator, Tobacco Prevention Program, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County at Laurie.Varona@FLHealth.gov, 786-732-8854. A follow-up email with the presenter’s contact information and shared resources was sent to all EIC members on 10/30/24.</p>	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <p>Submit suggestion(s) for future presentations at Elder Issues Committee meetings via email to: marjicealoni@gmail.com, Susan.Holtzman@namimiami.org, & Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov.</p>
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	<p>The Committee continues to work on the following in the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024. However, since today’s presentation went overtime, there was no time for updates or discussion related to:</p>	<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

- The following activity and related measures under *Maternal Child Health*, p. 15, needs to be completed by *September 30, 2024*, the *Elder Issues Committee* will identify and collect data that is available on providing familial and generational support.
 - Was data identified and collected? **Yes**
 - 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.
 - At the meeting on 9/24/24, a few updates regarding the **2024 Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Community Survey**, a UHP-led community survey for adults 50+ years of age were provided by Mayra G based on a recent email from Nattaliah Earle at UHP. UHP 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 access to services, healthcare, and transportation. These insights will be used to develop MDAFI strategies to address community needs. On 9/24/24, 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.

- 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following activity under <i>Communicable Diseases & Emergent Threats</i>, p. 20, need to be completed by <i>September 30, 2024</i>, the <i>Elder Issues Committee</i> will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ... invite partners (e.g., local pharmacies) to join and support their efforts to increase awareness on the prevention and control of infectious diseases. <p>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 last month's meeting on 9/24/24. At the last meeting, Ms. Gray agreed to assist with these efforts, as well as, sharing relevant information for older adults with her other pharmacist colleagues.</p> 	
<p>Recognition of Improved Performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual meeting on September 24th featured a presentation by EIC member, Dianna Valenzuela, BAHS Community Liaison, Florida, PPL (formerly, Public Partnerships) on Florida's Medicaid Waiver Long-Term Care - Participant Directed Option (PDO). • 25 attendees at the September meeting. 	
<p>Reminders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next monthly meeting on November 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. 	

<p>Partner Updates</p>	<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 following online resources related to today's presentation and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tobacco Free Florida: https://tobaccofreeflorida.com/ ○ Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center (AHEC) tobacco cessation programs: https://mdahec.com/our-programs/community-services/tobacco-cessation/ ○ University of Miami AHEC Program: https://med.miami.edu/departments/family-medicine-and-community-health/centers-and-programs/community-health ○ Environmental Protection Agency-Secondhand Electronic-Cigarette Aerosol and Indoor Air Quality: https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/secondhand-electronic-cigarette-aerosol-and-indoor-air-quality ○ Food and Drug Administration-Facts About E-Cigarettes: https://www.fda.gov/news-events/rumor-control/facts-about-e-cigarettes • Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center, Louisenie.remy@jhsmiami.org; 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). • Laurie Varona, Senior Health Educator, Tobacco Prevention Program, Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade County, Laurie.Varona@flhealth.gov. • Luis Moreno, Community Resource Specialist, Epilepsy Alliance Florida; we provide resources and help to those living with Epilepsy, Seizures, and convulsions; LMoreno@eafla.org, 305-401-3471. • Katherine Bolt, Program Officer, Miami-Dade Elder Affairs Advisory Board, katherine.bolt@miamiade.gov. • Bianca Robinson, University of Miami MD/MPH Student Intern, bxr347@miami.edu. • Angie Fernandez, PIO-Community Outreach, Office of State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, fernang@miamisao.com, 305-547-0724; www.miamisao.com; 	<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/. • 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 due by 15th of month prior to publish month.
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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marjorie Aloni, Tri County Senior Resource Referral Network, 305-766-2976. • Susan Holtzman, President and CEO, Miami-Dade County Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), susan.holtzman@namimiami.org; NAMI Helpline 305-665-2540 (9AM-5PM); programs information go to www.NAMImiami.org. • Allan Tavss, Miami Dade Parks, Active Older Adult Programs, allan.tavss@miamidade.gov, 305-962-8393. • Frances Garcia, Coordinator, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR), Community Assistance/Elder-Links Program, https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1526412171787244. • Dennise Nicola, Business Development Manager, FL PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health systems, cell 786-661-5644, dnicola@miamijewishhealth.org. • Witson Faustin, Health Services Representative, Office of Community Health and Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, 786-732-8863, Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov. • Dayamyra Perez Fernandez, Florida Department of Health Miami-Dade County, 786-732-8849, dayamyra.perezfernandez@flhealth.gov. • Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc., charlesm@allianceforaging.org; for information about older adult programs, email Programs@AllianceforAging.org. 	
Adjournment	Vice-Chair, Susan H. adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting is planned as an in-person (with virtual join meeting option) on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 , at 2:00 PM to be hosted by EIC member, Blanca Ceballos at United HomeCare, located at 8400 NW 33rd Street, Suite 400, Miami, FL 33122.	