

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/
 MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**
 Minutes
 Tuesday, March 27, 2018



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging* 2. Blanca Hernandez, Caballero Rivero 3. Carmen Centeno, MDPLS* 4. Cindy Brown, JCS/Lambda Living 5. David Saltman, Florida International University- <i>Chair</i> 6. David Sweet, Miami-Dade County, CAHSD 7. Eddie Sierra, SF Seniors in Action 8. Francis Fernandez, Centro Axis Adult Day Care 9. Grace Giraldo, Wellcare* 10. Isabel Rovira, UHP/Age-Friendly Initiative 11. Johanne Petit Jeune, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 12. Larry Dent, eQHealth-Senior Medicare Patrol* 13. Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care, Inc. 14. Maria Hidalgo, VITAS 15. Maria Machado, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor 16. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency 17. Mary Anne Sherman, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 18. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County 19. Michael Pearson Alzheimer's Association- <i>Vice-Chair</i> 20. Nenha Martin, United Way of Miami-Dade 21. Nick Brunzell, Bankers Life 22. Solina Rulfs, UF/IFAS Family Nutrition Program 23. Susan Holtzman, Miami-Dade County, District 8 24. Teri Arvesu, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor <p>*indicates member participated via teleconference</p>	

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Chair, David Saltman welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:10 PM. The meeting was held at Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, 29th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128. Everyone introduced themselves. David made a special announcement that he has decided to resign as Chair of the Elder Issues Committee (EIC) due to his professional obligations as professor at FIU. EIC Vice-Chair, Michael Pearson, has agreed to step into the role of Chair. A special election will be held to select a new EIC Vice-Chair pending collection of nominees via Survey Monkey to be sent out soon. Only active EIC members can be nominated and vote (i.e., have attended at least 50% of meetings).</p>	<p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FDOH-MD to send out Call for Nominations for EIC Vice-Chair via email. 2. FDOH-MD to send out special elections for EIC Vice-Chair via email.
<p>Review and Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>The meeting minutes for February 27, 2018 were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marjorie York and seconded by Teri Arvesu.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Update</p>	<p>A follow-up Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018 to further discuss Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade's sustainability plan.</p>	
<p>Legislative Report</p>	<p>---</p>	
<p>Previous Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unaffiliated senior representation on EIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to follow-up with Deputy Mayor, Maurice Kemp. In February EIC meeting, he agreed to contact the 13 County Commissioners for their recommendations of elders and/or their caregivers from the community to participate in EIC and attend meetings. ○ Current EIC members could also consider inviting targeted elders from the community to participate in EIC. • Have alternative meeting sites for EIC meetings (twice per year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cindy Brown of JCS/Lambda Living volunteered to host the June 2018 EIC meeting at her location. EIC members agreed. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teri Arvesu will try to follow-up with Deputy Mayor, Maurice Kemp for an update.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A second host site to be determined (back-up option in case no one else volunteers could be repeat host, Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade Parks, at Arcola Lakes Senior Center in Liberty City). ● Chronic Disease subcommittee-provided updates on Diabetes event to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at United Way of Miami-Dade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doctors Hospital/Baptist Health South Florida are confirmed to give presentations the following topics: Diabetes Type 2, medical and nutritional aspects, exercise, wound and foot care for diabetics, and fall prevention. ○ This half-day event promises to be very informative and all EIC members are encouraged to attend and extend the invitation to their contacts, including seniors and providers of elder services in the community. ○ Future event presentation topics may include: Obesity, Fall Prevention, Dental Care for Elders 	<p>2. FDOH-MD to send out Diabetes event flyer & registration link via email to EIC and all Consortium members listserv (will ask FDOH-MD Administration, Health Council of South Florida and United Way of Miami-Dade to forward email invite to their community contacts also).</p>
<p>Presentation: <i>Affordable Housing in Miami-Dade County</i></p>	<p>Michael Liu, Director, Public Housing and Community Development gave a very informative presentation on the topic of affordable housing in Miami-Dade County. He reviewed Federal, State and local County budget aspects with respects to public housing and community development. He also explained HUD, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, a Cabinet department in the Executive branch of the United States federal government. He discussed private funding sources, such as banks and developers, as well as, funds generated by rentals collected locally. Also discussed, the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8); this housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Unfortunately, the waiting list for Section 8 is very long; 50,000 are on the waiting list in Miami-Dade County. Approximately 45% of Section 8 are the elderly. More affordable housing is needed along with decreased processing time for those waiting for it. Rezoning could alleviate the situation by allowing increased density. Newly constructed, quality-built units are 20-35% cheaper to operate. Increased partnerships with private</p>	

	sector/investors are needed and there is interest in exploring new ideas for public housing and innovations for community development. For example, accessory dwelling units, like tiny homes and <i>Granny Huts</i> . HUD must abide by fair housing regulations when considering increases to elder housing. The EIC members were very engaged and had many questions for Mr. Liu.	
Performance Measures in need of improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase representation from the long-term care community/facilities, e.g., MJHS Health System, United HomeCare, Easterseals, AARP Long-Term Care, UHS-Universal Health Services. A letter to reach out to these organizations was drafted by EIC Chair, David Saltman and is pending distribution via email. • Formulate recommended measure(s) for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by December 31, 2018. 	
Recognition of Improved Performance	Chronic Disease subcommittee's plans for event <i>Understanding Diabetes: Wellness in the Elder Community</i> to be held on Thursday, April 12 th , 2018, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at United Way of Miami-Dade. Refreshments and healthy breakfast items will be provided.	
Partners Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teri Arvesu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friday, May 4, 2018, Empower Women-HIV at FIU-Biscayne Bay Campus in NMB ○ Sunday, May 20, 2018, 6PM, Reel Minds Miami Mental Health Film Festival presented by NAMI Miami-Dade/National Alliance on Mental Illness at UM Student Center ○ May is Older Americans Month ○ June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month • Susan Holtzman-Conversation Project Miami 	
Adjournment	David Saltman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM at Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 st Street, 29 th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.	