

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging 2. Allan Tavss, MDC Parks and Open Spaces* 3. Anjana Morris, Health Council of South Florida* 4. David Saltman, FIU 5. Gina Gonzalez, Anthem/Amerigroup 6. Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing 7. Maria Hidalgo, VITAS 8. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency 9. Mary Anne Sherman, FDOH 10. Natalie Lopez City of Miami Beach* 11. Patrick Wisdom, CAHSD 12. Saul Chapnick, Miami Beach Senior Place 13. Stephanie De la Piedra, PACE 14. Teri Arvesu, MDC Senior Advocate 15. Valerie Turner, FDOH* <p style="text-align: center;">*Indicates Member participated via Teleconference.</p>	

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>David Saltman, our Chair welcomed the committee members at 2:35 pm. We took turns introducing ourselves, as is our custom.</p>	
<p>Review and Approval of minutes</p>	<p>The minutes for March 28, 2017 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made by Marjorie York to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded by Teri Arvesu. The minutes were approved by the EI Committee.</p>	
<p>Executive Board Updates</p>	<p>David stated that each committee he will make a presentation to represent what the committee is working on to the Executive Board. EI is scheduled to present at the June meeting. David suggested that we hold the June Executive Board be held at Arcola Lakes Senior Center. Allan Tavss of MDC Parks was consulted about this and said that he would check the schedule at the center and get back to us. David also mentioned that EI Committee would also like to meet at Arcola Lakes Senior Center in the near future. He summed up that we needed to address the time of the meeting the content of the meeting and the structure of the meeting in order to improve our attendance at monthly meetings. Dr Turner, who attended the last Executive Board meeting, reported that Alina Soto and Leyanee Perez are the newly elected Co-Chairs of the Executive Board.</p>	
<p>Committee Updates</p> <p>Discussion on the</p>	<p>Old Business: This is the final year of PICH Grant. It will be completed on June 30, 2017 Evaluations will be done by September. PICH will be closed by December, 2017. Dr. Turner reported that the ban on smoking in public housing has passed at the Federal level but it is pending on the local level. New Business; Teri Arvesu reported on up and coming Elder Abuse Events that will be given by the MDPD in Cutler Bay and Doral. Elder Abuse/ Special Victims Bureau will be invited to present at May EI Meeting.</p> <p>Legislative: The budget is on hold. There are increases built into the house budget</p>	

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<p>David Saltman, our Chair, led a discussion on the Elder Issues Work Plan for 2017.</p>	<p>that benefit elders. The deadline for the budget is May 1, 2017 EI members were encouraged to talk to their representatives to make sure Elder benefits stay in the budget. A Line item veto will apply to the budget which means that the governor does not have to approve a bill in its entirety. Rather, he can take out any line he doesn't want and veto it.</p> <p>David explained how the Elder Issues Work Plan is developed based on State and County Health Plans. The first goal is to improve our membership and attendance. We have over 300 members but only 100 members attend our meetings through the year. We have a membership problem. What can we do to increase the attendance at monthly meetings? We are bound by our by-laws to have 10 meetings per year. Dr. Turner reported that other Committees have teleconference meetings every other month. Saul suggested we have an introductory speech at the beginning of each meeting as to what our purpose is as the Elder Issues Committee. Maria suggested the content of the meetings should include training to increase interest and attendance. The location where we meet and the time when we meet were suggested by members as possible reasons people did not attend the meetings. The agenda and structure of meeting (the use of subcommittees) also were mentioned as possible problems. It was suggested that we should use a survey to determine where our problem lies. Dr. Turner discussed brief surveys we can use and one the Consortium is currently working on. David asked for volunteers to make survey questions. Saul, Stephanie and David volunteered to work on survey. Nobody wanted a Teleconference every other month. It was decided that the committee will continue to meet 10 times/year. Location was not identified as a problem for those present. The timing of the meetings was identified as a problem because our meeting ends at the beginning of rush hour and afternoon meetings are not attended</p>	<p>Thank you David.</p>
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	<p>well by seniors. The time was changed to 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm by a majority vote, effective next month. Maria Hidalgo suggested Groups involved with Elders should be able to have time to speak at each meeting. How do we attract new members? How do we develop a list of who to invite? Saul and Maria suggested invitations to our meeting be given at the meetings of other organizations. Availability of Consortium cards for EI members. Our Elder Issues Factsheet needs to be updated and available to EI members. Having materials available for EI members to bring to other meetings that they attend. Membership Opportunities should be on each Agenda. David asked how our members find out when Health Fairs will be held. A Community Calendar for Elder events produced by EI? These questions need more attention. We will have a Subcommittee develop survey questions as a start.</p>	
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<p>Community Updates Continued</p>	<p>Legislature: Teri Arvesu spoke about the Affordable Care Act which is in danger of being replaced by the American Health Care Act proposed by our current administration. Although the Act has not passed, it will be revisited in the near future. Teri briefly reviewed how the change in Health Care Acts would affect our community. 14 million people will be uninsured by 2018 and 24 million by 2026. Health insurance will be unaffordable to low-income Americans. There will be cuts to the most vulnerable citizens in the form of Medicare cuts. Teri provided the committee members with a handout called “Catalyst Miami” which listed how our community will be affected by the American Health Care Act if it is passed.</p>	
<p>Member Announcements/ Upcoming Events</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marjorie York announced there will be a Japanese Festival at the Botanical Gardens on Sunday, April 30, 2017 2. Maria Hidalgo announced the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will take place on April 30, 2017 in Hialeah 3. Maria Hidalgo does a Community Affairs Radio Show weekly on 1550 AM Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 10:30 am. (In Spanish) 4. David announced the End of Life Issues Conference will be held by Miami Jewish Health on May 25, 2017 8:30 am to 1:30 pm 5. Vitas has list a list CEU classes they can present to organizations. Brochures are available. 6. Allan Tavss announced 3 new Arthritis Programs offered in several MDC Parks. See Allan for information. 7. Natalie Lopez announced City of Miami will hold an Elder Abuse Day on June 15, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 227 22 Street Miami Beach. 	



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Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:15Japanese PM by Chair, David Saltman	