

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging 2. Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade Parks and Open Spaces* 3. Ana Garcia, Sunrise Community 4. David Saltman, FIU 5. Donna Dambrot, SAGE 6. Joan Schafer, Jewish Community Services 7. Leticia Pelares, Independent Consultant 8. Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care 9. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency 10. Marsha Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging 11. Mary Anne Sherman, FDOH 12. Michael Pearson, Alzheimers Association* 13. Patrick Wilson, CAHSD 14. Shannon Kelley, United Way 15. Valerie Turner, FDOH <p style="text-align: center;">*Indicates member participated via conference call</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:45 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. The meeting was held at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.</p>	
Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>The minutes for October 25, 2016 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Alina Becker and seconded by Marsha Jenakovich. All members who were present agreed to approve the minutes.</p>	

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<p>Executive Board Report</p>	<p>The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade is in the process of taking nominations for Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for its 7 Committees. The actual election will take place on line in December. In addition to electing new Committee Leaders, the Consortium will revisit its by-laws.</p>	
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Old Business: Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) Anjana Morris of Health Council of South Florida gave a progress report of the Restaurant Initiative; Healthy Happens Here. We continue to do well with this initiative. We have over 75 restaurants signed up to participate in giving healthy meal choices to their patrons, and more joining up every day. Anjana also reported on the Smoke-free Public Housing Initiative. Much progress has been made in this effort. Legislation is close to being passed to make all Miami-Dade County Public Housing smoke-free in 2017. b. New Business: Shannon Kelley reported good news regarding her work with the Older Adults Advocacy group to create a Senior Trust. She reported that it is getting some local support at the State level. c. Legislative Report: There was a discussion among the committee about how the recent political Appointments will affect Elders all throughout the country. 	
<p>Presentation by Donna Dambrot of SAGE</p>	<p>Donna Dambrot spoke about SAGE and their affiliation with Jewish Community Services here in Miami-Dade County. Sage is an organization who works toward meeting the needs of LGBT elders. She described LGBT elders as a traumatized group who endured the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the 1980's, were many times rejected by their families, discriminated against and treated as criminals because being Gay was considered a felony. The difficulties LGBT elders face are: having no family of origin, no children, and little opportunity for socialization. SAGE</p>	

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<p>Presentation by Marsh Jenakovich of Alliance for Aging</p>	<p>acts as an advocate for LGBT elders in Socialization, Education, Pet Projects and having someone to talk to. Jewish Community Services does Case Management/Counseling, Housing, Training staff to treat LGBT elders with respect and dignity and Meal Programs. A launch of this program will take place on 12/6/2016 from 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM at Temple Israel. We welcome this innovative blending of these two programs to come to Miami-Dade County just when we need them most.</p> <p>Marsha Jenakovich gave a very informative presentation about the Elder Needs Index. Some of her information included: Demographics by Age, by Disorder, by Race and annual income. These detailed Census Maps can be used to determine where more resources and outreach are needed. The maps can be used to identify where special sub populations of Elders reside, such as Elders with disabilities, Elders with Alzheimers Disease, or LGBT Elders. The members of Elder Issues Committee expressed great interest in using these Census Maps to serve the Elder Community of Miami-Dade County.</p>	
<p>Member Announcements</p>	<p>A Launch of the SAGE/Jewish Community Services New Program on 12/6/2016 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Temple Israel Of Greater Miami.</p> <p>The League of Women Voters will meet at Zest Restaurant on 12/8/2016 at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>Miami Beach Chamber of commerce will sponsor Caregiver Training on 12/8/2016 at the Jewish Home.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by our chair, David Saltman at 4:30 PM.</p>	



**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /
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Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, Fl. 33128.	