

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE/  
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**  
Minutes  
Tuesday, January 31, 2017

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces</li> <li>2. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging</li> <li>3. Anjana Morris, Health Council of South Florida*</li> <li>4. Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County, Retired</li> <li>5. Carmen Centeno, Miami-Dade Public Library System</li> <li>6. Dante Whittingham, Sunshine</li> <li>7. David Saltman, FIU</li> <li>8. Edeline Mondestin, Miami-Dade County CAHSD</li> <li>9. Gina Gonzalez, Anthem, Amerigroup</li> <li>10. Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care</li> <li>11. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency</li> <li>12. Mary Anne Sherman, FDOH</li> <li>13. Michael Pearson, Alzheimers Association</li> <li>14. Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach</li> <li>15. Shannon Kelley, United Way</li> <li>16. Stepanie De La Piedra, Florida Pace Center</li> <li>17. Teri Busse-Aruse, Miami-Dade County</li> <li>18. Valerie Turner, FDOH*</li> <li>19. Vincent Delgado, De Hostos Senior Center</li> </ol> <p>*Indicates member participated via Teleconference</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:45 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. A special welcome was extended to Teri Busse-Aruesu, the newly appointed Senior Advocate for Miami-Dade County. She will give the Legislative Report as of the next meeting. The meeting was held at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.</p>	

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Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for November 29, 2016 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Michael Pearson and seconded by Alina Becker. All members who were present agreed to approve the minutes.	
Executive Board Report	David discussed the Annual Miami-Dade Consortium Event/ Robert Wood Johnson Event which was held on January 27, 2017 at Jungle Island. The celebration was comprised of recognizing one member from each of the 7 committees for outstanding service and celebrating the fact that Miami-Dade County was one of the recipients of the Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Award. Alina Becker accepted the Elder Issues award for Marsha Jenakovich, who was not able to attend the event because she recently moved. Shannon informed us of the Consortium's plan to work with each of the 7 Committees to develop a Work Plan for their Committee. The Work Plans are to help the committees align more closely with the priorities of the State of Florida and those of Robert Wood Johnson. The Committees are encouraged to partner with each other and work together on projects. In other words, to be unified.	
Committee Updates	Legislative Report: The Department of Elder Affairs has been asked to submit a budget reduced by 12.7 million dollars. This will be used to prioritize services by the Legislature and the Governor. The programs that may be affected are: CCE, Home Care for Elders, the Alzheimers Initiative and the Local Services Programs (LSP). The Senate will be starting to hear testimony regarding LSP funding on 2/8/17 and representatives from the Alzheimers Association will attend. It is projected that it will be a difficult time for senior funding over the next 3 years.	
Presentation by Stephanie De La Piedra of PACE	Stephanie De La Piedra, of Pace gave a presentation which described her organization. It is for individuals who are 55 yrs. old and older who are eligible for Medicare/Medicaid and who are medically in need of care and are in their service area. Their mission is to assist members to age in place by meeting all their needs. They become their members' health insurance. They offer ADL assistance, a pharmacy that delivers their medications, a clinic, Primary care	Thank you, Stephanie for your Presentation.

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	<p>physicians, Social Workers, Dieticians, transportation, staff who set up appointments and unlimited Physical Therapy. The locations have Day Care facilities which serve breakfast and lunch. They are a 24 service. If there is a medical issue at any time of the day or night, either a nurse is sent to assess the member or an ambulance is sent to take the member to the hospital. The typical patient is 80 years old has early dementia and resides with family. However, some members are maintained at home by PACE. PACE is made up of a team of medical professionals who design the care around the person. PACE supplies consumables on a monthly basis and makes structural changes to homes for to provide a safe environment for members. There is also music therapy and pet therapy available to members. As a member's needs and abilities change, PACE will assist with ALF placement. Hospitalizations are covered in full. The only "down side" to Pace is that A person needs to use the Primary Care Physicians offered by PACE. There is, however as list of specialists that can be consulted for the members, if needed. Pace truly provides all-inclusive care to seniors.</p>	
<p>Member Announcements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Natalie Lopez had many announcements. There is rental assistance funding available for Miami-Dade County residents and Miami Beach residents through EFSP and CDBG. She also reported about a Grocery delivery program for people in need of food in Miami Beach who have low income and legal residency. Natalie plans to give a presentation about these programs at this meeting in the near future.</li> <li>2. Allan Tavss announced a Florida Senior Day to be held March 29, 2017 at the Capital in Tallahassee. Many seniors from the Parks program have expressed interest in attending. Allan is requesting funds to enable the seniors to attend this exciting event.</li> <li>3. Marjory York announced that the Black History Month Celebrations will kick off on February 10, 2017.</li> </ol>	

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	<p>4. Michael Pearson announced there will a meeting of Health leaders on February 8, 2017 called Community Conversations sponsored by the Alzheimers Association.</p> <p>5. David announced that a Screening of the film, The Age of Love, sponsored by the Elder Issues Committee, AARP and United Way will take place at United Way, Coral Gables on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM. There are no spaces available for this showing, but another showing will hopefully take place at a later date and maybe at a larger location. Possibly actual Speed Dating for Elders may also take place at this future event.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by our chair, David Saltman at 4:00 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, Fl. 33128.	