

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /**  
**MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**  
 Minutes



Tuesday, February 24, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Alicia Suarez, VITAS Care Solutions Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County Carmen Centeno, Miami Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) Janice Drawing, Village of Pinecrest Marjorie York, Community Action Agency Marsha Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach (By Teleconference) Odalis Benavides Hernandez, Switchboard of Miami, Inc.	
Welcome and Introductions	In the absence of the committee Chair, David Saltman, who unfortunately re-injured his ankle, the Vice Chair, Betty Jimenez, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 3:00 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. The meeting was held at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for January 27, 2015 were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made by Alicia Suarez to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded by Marjorie York.	
Executive Board and Committee Updates	Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez provided Executive Board and legislative updates to the committee. Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of Older Drivers Discussion – will revisit in future when David Saltman returns.</li> <li>• Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative – hosted by Health Foundation of South Florida. HFSF representative, Peter N. Wood, MPA, Vice President of Programs and Community Investments (email: pwood@hfsf.org).</li> </ul>	<u>Action Items:</u> Mayra will put the three <i>Old Business</i> topics on the agenda for next meeting.  Member Janice Drawing has older driver resources from FDOT which she will share.

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /  
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**  
Minutes



Tuesday, February 24, 2015

	<p>Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has assigned two representatives, Mayra Garcia and Amelinda Loddo, to attend the Action Plan Work Group meetings. David Saltman is on the steering committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetes II Project – will defer until David Saltman returns.</li> </ul> <p>Our previous American Diabetes Association (ADA) contact, Beatriz Gomez Galan, is no longer with the organization.</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betty reported that she recently returned from Tallahassee where she attended a Florida Association of Aging Service Providers (FASP) board meeting. The FASP is the statewide organization that specifically represents the full array of direct service providers in aging, including case management, nutrition, senior centers, day care and volunteers. She was advocating along with Broward County for 11.2 million dollars for aging services for aging services for Florida. She also met with the new secretary of Department of Elder Affairs, Sam Verghese.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Action Items:</u> Member Alicia Suarez will try to contact Beatriz G. Galan via social media. Perhaps she can share her contacts for Elder Issues use and provide an alternate ADA contact person.</p>
<p>Presentation on <i>VITAS Care Solutions - Home Health &amp; Private-Duty Services</i> by Alicia M. Suarez, Community Liaison for VITAS Care Solutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully licensed, home health agency for five years in Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties (not Monroe)</li> <li>• Provide private duty RNs or LPNs, home health aides and/or companions</li> <li>• Provide palliative care, including complex pain management</li> <li>• Services available to help veterans</li> </ul>	<p>✓For information or referrals, call 1-877-884-8278.</p> <p>✓Thank you Alicia for sharing this valuable information and resource</p>

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /  
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**  
Minutes



Tuesday, February 24, 2015

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide services to patients discharged from Hospice</li> <li>• 1/3 of medical admissions can be attributed to mismanagement of medicines; VITAS Care Solutions can provide assistance with this.</li> </ul>	<p>with the committee.</p>
<p>Member Announcements/ Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez will give the State of the County address on this coming Thursday, February 26th at Florida International University.</li> <li>• Marjorie York announced the following events: 1) Women's History Month March 2015 Kickoff on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at the grave site of Julia Tuttle at the Miami City Cemetery, 1800 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL, hosted by the Women's History Coalition of Miami-Dade County, Inc., 2) In the Company of Women 2015, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Presentation on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Coral Gables Country Club, 990 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL – recognizing outstanding women who have made significant contributions in the South Florida community, and 3) Women Worth Knowing: The Miami Beach Commission on Women will honor 12 women in the community who are 99 years old or older - Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Miami Beach City Hall.</li> <li>• Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade Annual Celebration, on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the</li> </ul>	<p>✓Copies of event fliers were available at the meeting.</p> <p>✓Event flier and invitation was emailed to committee members.</p>

**ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /  
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING**  
Minutes



Tuesday, February 24, 2015

	<p>Intercontinental Hotel, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, FL 33131 – RSVP by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$25 per person, valet parking \$15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen Centeno announced that MDPLS is offering free storytelling workshop series “Seniors Sharing Stories” at two locations, March 6 thru April 3<sup>rd</sup>, &amp; April 17<sup>th</sup> at North Dade Regional Library and March 25<sup>th</sup> thru April 29<sup>th</sup> at Coral Reef Branch Library; space is limited and pre-registration is required.</li> <li>• Odalis Benavides Hernandez of Switchboard Miami, Inc. has a “Seniors Never Alone Program” which provides a telephone reassurance plan for seniors 65 years of age or older who live alone or with another senior. Enrolled seniors are called at least once per week to promote mental health, ensure safety and offer moral support for daily challenges.</li> </ul>	<p>✓Event fliers and registration form was forwarded to committee members after the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.</p> <p>✓Switchboard of Miami: <a href="http://switchboardmiami.org/">http://switchboardmiami.org/</a> Call 24/7: 305-358-HELP (4357) For “Seniors Never Alone Program” referral form please email Odalis Benavides at <a href="mailto:obenavides@switchboardmiami.org">obenavides@switchboardmiami.org</a></p>
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM by Betty Jimenez.	