

ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING
 Minutes



Tuesday, January 27, 2015

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION NEEDED |
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| Members Present | Alicia Suarez, VITAS Care Solutions Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County Brandon Leibell, FDOH-MD Volunteer David Saltman, FIU Linda Kragh, Miami Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) Marjorie York, Community Action Agency Marsha Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach Sandra Colon, CMS, PI MFDS | |
| Welcome and Introductions | The committee Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:35 PM. Everyone introduced themselves. Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez joined the meeting in progress at 3:10 PM. 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 November 25, 2014 were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made by Marjorie York to approve the minutes. The committee members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes. | |
| Executive Board and Committee Updates | Chairman David Saltman and Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez provided Executive Board and legislative updates to the committee. Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting results for new Executive Board from meeting in November, 2014, announced: David Saltman was re- | |

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| | <p>elected as Chair and Betty Jimenez was re-elected as Vice-chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to keep an eye on ALFs and adult day care providers, the services provided and the issue of Medicaid reimbursement. David recommended viewing a French movie about elder friends moving in together to avoid being put in an ALF titled, <i>All Together</i> (2012). <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative priorities include regulation of Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs). Committee members should let David and Betty know if they know of any other priorities to address. • Betty summarized a council meeting she attended yesterday with 18 legislators and 102+ speakers. She spoke about the following priorities and issues: keep elderly living at home and out of care facilities; community care for aging; Alzheimer's initiative; and Local Service Provider (LSP) funds related to statewide waiting list not accurately reflecting actual needs in the county. • Marsha Jenakovich provided the Alliance for Aging's State Legislative Priorities for 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provide \$1.5 million to support Area Agency on Aging operations under Statewide Medicaid Managed Long Term Care • The 2014 Legislature appropriated \$1.3 million in non-recurring funding to support the additional recurring workload for the AAAs • AAAs request this be re-appropriated as recurring funds and funding be increased by \$300,000 to address workload issues in Region 11 (Miami), which has the largest statewide percentage of Medicaid recipients | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provide \$10.3 million to serve seniors on the waiting list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase funding by \$10.3 million to serve 1,541 of the frailest, most at-risk seniors on the waiting list for Florida's General Revenue-funded home and community based programs, including Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Alzheimer's Respite Care, Home Care for the Elderly, and Local Service Programs. These programs assist senior who do not qualify for Medicaid with services not provided by Medicare. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marsha J. also provided an update report on the Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative hosted by Health Foundation of South Florida. She also mentioned that an Elder Summit for community leaders is planned for May 2015. ● David proposed that the committee provide a workshop on Older Drivers. The committee members present discussed this topic at length and agreed that this is a relevant and anxiety-producing issue for elders, their families and caregivers. Related issues include decline in health and quality of life when driving autonomy is taken away, lack of a definitive assessment tool for driving elders, human and civil rights of elders, and lack of information and resources available on the subject. Possible "experts" to invite include Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), AARP, and police. The committee admitted that although they do not have all the answers, they can help to provide the community with information and resources to deal with this issue. As a first step, the committee can partner with FDOT to put on a "Transit is Golden" event in March; Marsha J. will make the connection with her contacts. ● Alicia S. recommended reading Henry Parra's ALMA | |
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| | <p>Newsletter of the Assisted Living (Hispanic) Member Association, which represents smaller “mom & pop” ALFs. Alicia will provide introduction to possible ALF presenters prior to March Tallahassee legislature reconvening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee revisited the issue of alternate meeting places due to difficulties and expense of parking around the Stephen P. Clark Government Center. Alternate meeting sites include the MDPL nearby with discounted parking lot or the Overtown Community Action Agency off of Biscayne Blvd. which has a large conference room on 10th floor and free? parking. • Alicia Suarez of Care Solutions, the home healthcare side of VITAS, agreed to present at the next committee meeting in February. | |
| <p>Member Announcements/ Upcoming Events</p> | <p>Natalie L. announced that AARP’s Annual Convention will be held in March in Miami Beach.</p> <p>Marjorie York announced the two following events later this week on Thursday, Jan. 29th: 1) American Cancer Society Relay For Life “How to Fundraise” event at Finnegan’s on Lincoln Road from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, and 2) Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board’s community forum at Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens from 6:30 to 9 PM.</p> <p>Linda K. highlighted the two MDPLS services <i>Connections</i> which provides library services for the homebound, and <i>Talking Books</i> which provides books and magazines in audio or braille loaned free by mail to those who have difficulty seeing or using standard print.</p> | <p>✓Copies of event flyer were made available at the meeting.</p> <p>✓MDPLS <i>Connections</i>, and <i>Talking Books</i> resource cards were distributed at the meeting.</p> |

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| | <p>MDPLS also offers the <i>Museum Pass</i> which offers patrons FREE admission for a family of four to the Deering Estate at Cutler, FIU Frost Art Museum, Fruit & Spice Park, HistoryMiami, Miami Children's Museum, Miami Science Museum, Pérez Art Museum Miami and Vizcaya Museum & Gardens.</p> <p>Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs' <i>Golden Ticket</i> which entitles Free tickets to the arts for seniors of Miami-Dade County. The Golden Ticket Arts Guide features an amazing array of FREE cultural offerings for Miami-Dade County senior residents, ages 62 and over. Seniors can enjoy everything included in the Golden Ticket Arts Guide free of charge.</p> | <p>✓ See more at: http://www.miamidadearts.org/education/golden-ticket-arts-guide#sthash.ZagJOf6u.dpuf</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> | <p>The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24th, 2015 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.</p> | |
| <p>Adjournment</p> | <p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM by David Saltman.</p> | |