

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



Tuesday, July 28, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allan Tavss, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department</li> <li>2. Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County</li> <li>3. Edeline Mondestin, Miami-Dade County</li> <li>4. David Saltman, FIU</li> <li>5. Kuan-Jan Ding, FDOH-MD, Tobacco Free Workgroup (via telephone)</li> <li>6. Linda Kragh, Miami Dade Public Library System</li> <li>7. Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care</li> <li>8. Maria Hidalgo, VITAS</li> <li>9. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency</li> <li>10. Marilyn Perez, Gentiva Hospice</li> <li>11. Marsha Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging</li> <li>12. Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD</li> <li>13. Mayra Leite, Amerigroup</li> <li>14. Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach</li> <li>15. Odalis Benavides, Switchboard of Miami (via telephone)</li> <li>16. Samantha Sater, Health Council of South Florida</li> <li>17. Shannon Kelley, United Way of Miami-Dade</li> <li>18. Vincent Delgado, De Hostos Senior Center, Inc.</li> </ol>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:40 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 June 30, 2015 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made by Allan Tavss to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded by Marjorie York.</p>	
Executive Board Updates	<p>Chair David Saltman and Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez provided Executive Board updates to the committee. David asked Samantha Sater to provide the committee with a summary of the Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) Grant. Samantha explained that she is covering for Nicole Marriot,</p>	

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	<p>the lead evaluator assigned to the committee from Health Council of South Florida (HCSF).</p>	
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50<sup>th</sup> Medicare/Medicaid Anniversary – CMS-Atlanta requested assistance with planning an event to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at FIU W. Pac Auditorium. Teresa Zayas is the CMS contact person. Maria H., Vice Chair Betty, and Chair David have also been involved in the planning. Mayor Carlos Gimenez plans to attend and present a proclamation. VITAS is sponsoring food/refreshments. 4-5 tables available for exhibitors. There will be a morning panel of experts discussion by invite-only, followed by a public celebration address from 10:30-11:30 AM. Committee members can attend public address and support the event by bringing seniors to the event. Any additional questions should be directed to Chair or Vice Chair.</li> <li>• Older Drivers/Elder Mobility Event in the fall – To be held in end of October or beginning of November (date TBA). Subcommittee consisting of 6 members met prior to today's regular committee meeting; anyone else interested in volunteering should plan to meet again at 1 p.m. prior to next month's regular meeting to continue to plan the event. Focus of event will be a variety of issues affecting older drivers and transitioning mobility. Target audience will be providers of elder services. Health Foundation of South Florida (HFSF) committee stipend funds could help support the event. Allan Tavss suggested holding the event at Arcola Lakes Senior Center located at 8401 NW 14 Avenue, 33147, in Liberty City. It was mentioned that event could be held at Florida BlueCross BlueShield, Community Room, located at 8400 NW 33rd Street, 33122, in Doral. Event would be ½ day format and could start with a panel presentation of elders who have varied mobility issues. May offer two separate</li> </ul>	

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	<p>tracks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan 2014-2017 – David reviewed EI Committee work plan as updated from last meeting. The four goals were read along with activities. Suggested edits/additions were noted and will be made to work plan for the record.</li> <li>• Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) Grant Updates – Samantha mentioned that the evaluation plan submitted by HCSF was approved by the CDC. David explained that Elder Issues will work on the following for PICH:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chronic Disease</li> <li>○ Green Prescription</li> <li>○ Smoke-free policies in senior multi-unit housing facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kuan-Jan Ding provided the following summary of tobacco-free elder initiatives updates related to PICH:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Providing smoke-free options to senior residential facilities through PICH grant.</li> <li>○ Contacted several senior residential facilities (mainly assisted living facility and apartments).</li> <li>○ Met with a few administrators and property managers.</li> <li>○ Plan on conducting first community outreach with a presentation and survey on smoke-free protections to the seniors this Thursday, 6/30/15.</li> <li>○ Looking for a larger reach and impact. Would like to target senior residential facility units with 60 or more units. Difficult to get callbacks or responses.</li> <li>○ Our target is 5,242 units in total; however, it includes our baseline which is currently at 2,063 units. Looking at an additional 3,179 units to target for smoke-free protections.</li> <li>○ Catholic Housing Management has 10 properties that are now smoke-free (will be sending info to Betty on this).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Action Item:</u> Please contact Kuan-Jan Ding regarding smoke-free policies in senior multi-unit residential facilities: KuanJan.Ding@flhealth.gov</p>
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- Any leads or assistance in our initiative is greatly appreciated.
- Let Jan know if you have any other questions or suggestions. She will be sending out a separate e-mail in regards to advocating smoke-free policies.
- Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative (AFI) – hosted by HFSF. David asked Marsha Jenakovich to summarize the history of AFI and she provided updates. It was mentioned that the AFI work plan is in draft and focuses on 3 of 8 core issues. HFSF is seeking additional funding to continue staffing and efforts with this initiative. Challenge is countywide and sustained effort for the initiative in Miami-Dade County. The Mayor asked county municipalities to sign a commitment pledge related to AFI.

**New Business:**

- Legislative report – Betty shared that the following details:
  - At state level – no updates.
  - At county level – Request For Proposals (RFP) for human services starting October 1<sup>st</sup> will be open (TBA); Betty will announce to committee.
- Betty suggested and asked if committee would be interested in meeting at alternate locations, such as Arcola Senior Center; the committee expressed interest. Allan Tavss will check with the facility director at Arcola (or perhaps other parks) but he believes it would be ok. May consider holding a diabetes type 2 and/or Alzheimer's event for outreach education to the community/providers.
- David invited interested members to let him know if they have an interest in presenting to the committee regarding elder issues or programs providing services to elders.
- Betty encouraged members to consider joining the Florida Association of Aging Services Providers (FASP).

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<p>Member Announcements/ Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Betty announced the Florida Council on Aging (FCOA) is celebrating its 60th anniversary at 2015 Florida Conference on Aging on August 10-12<sup>th</sup> in Orlando. The conference also is sponsored by the Florida Association of Aging Services in partnership with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.</p> <p>Marjorie York announced that Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> is International Day of Peace (she will bring event flyer to next meeting in August).</p> <p>Marsha Jenakovich announced that Alliance for Aging is accepting nominations for “Positive Living Awards.” Application deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The awards ceremony will be on November 5, 2015 at Jungle Island.</p> <p>David announced that committee member, Janice Drewing, is no longer with City of Pinecrest. Her personal email and cell number were made available if someone should wish to contact her.</p> <p>Shannon Kelley provided the following information about United Way and grantee programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caregivers UNITED: 1 in 5 employees is providing assistance to an aging or disabled loved one. United Way has partnered with United Home Care to recruit 10 companies/organizations to implement Caregivers UNITED, an educational program for working caregivers (employees providing assistance to an aging or disabled loved ones (18+)). The program is free and the company/organization can choose at least 1 of the following topics: Stress Management, Family Dynamics and Community Resources. The seminars will be given by licensed social workers. Please contact me to learn more or to sign-up, Shannon Kelley, 305-646-7086</li> <li>• Flu Shots: United Way partnered with FamilyWize (<a href="http://familywize.org/">http://familywize.org/</a>) &amp; Walgreens to coordinate on-site flu</li> </ul>	<p>✓ To register for the FCOA event: <a href="http://www.fcoa.org/conference.html">www.fcoa.org/conference.html</a>.</p> <p>✓ Visit <a href="http://www.allianceforaging.org/201-positive-living-award-nominations-are-being-accepted">www.allianceforaging.org/201-positive-living-award-nominations-are-being-accepted</a> to submit a nomination.</p>
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	<p>vaccinations at local events or organizations. The main client is the uninsured-Walgreens will provide the flu shot at no-cost to uninsured. They can also bill the insurance provider for those that have insurance. If you have an event or are interested in learning more, please contact Andrea Sparano, Program Officer, 305-646-7075.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• News &amp; Resources E-news- United Way sends out a monthly newsletter with local events, grant opportunities or community news. If you have an event or announcement you would like to include (1 month notice is required), please e-mail Scarlett Montenegro at <a href="mailto:montenegros@unitedwaymiami.org">montenegros@unitedwaymiami.org</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Natalie Lopez announced that the City of Miami Beach Office of Community Services is offering financial emergency services assistance with utility bills (past due amount) &amp; rent/mortgage (due to rent increase, notice of termination, 3 day or 5 day notice needed).</p>	<p>✓ For additional information, contact the Office of Community Services at 305-673-7491. <u>Update as of 8/18/15:</u> Monies still available (until September 30, 2015).</p>
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 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 4:20 PM by Chair David Saltman.	