

ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE /
MAYOR'S INITIATIVE ON AGING
 Minutes



Tuesday, March 31, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Arleen Foreman, Kimberly Clark Corporation Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County David Saltman, FIU Janice Drawing, Village of Pinecrest Luis Collazo, Florida Assisted Living Association Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care, Inc. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency Marsha Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD Nadine Fundora, FDOH-MD (By Teleconference) Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach Odalis Benavides Hernandez, Switchboard of Miami, Inc.	
Welcome and Introductions	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.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for February 24, 2015 were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made by Janice Drawing to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded by Marjorie York.	
Executive Board and Committee Updates	Chair David Saltman and Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez provided Executive Board and legislative updates to the committee. Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of Older Drivers Discussion – David Saltman led discussion related to continuum which exists for older drivers: older drivers who drive fine to older drivers who are beginning to have issues (e.g., need to adjust car mirrors for changes in vision) to older drivers who have greater issues to older drivers who need to stop driving. Possible community partners mentioned included Alliance for Aging, AARP, 	

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	<p>AAA, FDOT, Miami-Dade Transit, Miami-Dade County Parks, local police department, and Health Council of South Florida (HCSF) which is having an “Age Friendly Summit” in May (TBA). Committee could focus on older drivers needing to stop driving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative (AFI) – hosted by HFSF. Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County has assigned two representatives, Mayra Garcia and Amelinda Loddo, to the AFI Action Plan Work Group meetings. Elder Issues committee members, Carmen Centeno, represents MDPLS, and Marsha Jenakovich, represents Alliance for Aging on the AFI Action Plan Workgroup. David Saltman is on the AFI steering committee. AFI is working on strategies focused on three priority domains for older adults in our community: physical environment, transportation and housing. For additional AFI information, contact: HFSF representative, Peter N. Wood, MPA, Vice President of Programs and Community Investments (email: pwood@hfsf.org). • Diabetes II Project – discussion deferred to later date. Note: our American Diabetes Association contact, Beatriz Gomez Galan, is no longer with the organization. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a huge budget deficit so resources are limited. • Partisan politics could affect outcomes. • This year, mental health issues are a big focus. Assisted living facilities also serve the mentally disabled. • We should always encourage families/elders to get on waiting list for services for elders because it serves as indicator for needs at state level. • An estimated 28,000 to 33,000 residents are waiting for multiple waiver programs. • The challenge in Miami-Dade County for developing and increased inventory of senior housing facilities is building and zoning issues. • Marsha Jenakovich mentioned that Luis Collazo should consider attending the next AFI steering committee meeting on April 21st. 	
<p>Member Announcements/ Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty announced that at the Consortium Annual event on March 20, 2015 member Marjorie York was recognized for her long-time commitment and dedication to the Elder Issues committee and the community. • Natalie L. & Marsha J. reported on the success of the <i>Transit is Golden Safety Event</i> held at Four Freedoms House, elder housing facility, in Miami Beach on March 24, 2015. • Arleen F. is Healthcare Consultant for Kimberly Clark's new infection control program, <i>Heroes In Prevention</i>, to reduce preventable illnesses in medical nursing homes and facilities. • Janice announced <i>Free Senior Salsa Party</i>, April 17, 2015, Pinecrest Community Center, 12 to 2 p.m. • Marjorie announced the following: 1) <i>Women in the Red</i> gathering on Lincoln Road, Euclid Circle, April 14, 2015, 	<p>✓Congratulations Marjorie York!</p> <p>✓Event flier and invitation was emailed out on 4/7/15.</p> <p>✓Copies of event fliers were available at the meeting.</p>

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	<p>5:30 to 7 p.m., 2) Sunflower Society's <i>May Day Celebration</i>, Vi at Aventura, May 1, 2015, 11:30 a.m. Luncheon \$30. RSVP to Lorraine Harris 756-416-0118.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2015 Florida Worksite Wellness Awards</i> hosted by the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade on Friday, May 8th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Biltmore Hotel in the Alhambra Ballroom, Coral Gables, FL. Awards luncheon \$90. Keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Ozner. Go to www.worksitewellnessawards.org for more information and to register by Friday, May 1st. 	<p>✓Event/registration details were emailed to committee prior to meeting on 3/23/15.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM by Vice Chair Betty Jimenez.</p>	