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Tuesday, May 26, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Alicia Salinas, Ombudsman Program-Elder Affairs Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County Carmen Centeno, Miami Dade Public Library System David Saltman, FIU Gloria Freyre, Department Elder Affairs Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care, Inc. Maria Hidalgo, VITAS Marjorie York, Community Action Agency Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach Paul Hunt, FIU Samantha Sater, Health Council of South Florida Sylvia Gaddis, KEPRO (Medicare QIO)	
Welcome and Introductions	Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:35 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 April 28, 2015 were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made by Marjorie York to approve the minutes. It was moved and seconded by Betty Jimenez.	
Executive Board Updates	Chair David Saltman and Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez provided Executive Board updates to the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 5/5/2015, David met with Karen Weller, Director, Office of Community Health & Planning, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County to discuss strategic planning for the EI Committee, and also how the Work Plan can include activities which support the Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICH grant was discussed with the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This CDC grant, awarded 3.3 million dollars to the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County to address chronic disease prevention in Miami-Dade County over the next 3 years. ○ Reviewed the five areas of Community Action Plan (12/12/2014 document): Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environments; Environments with Healthy Food or Beverage Options; Physical Activity Opportunities; Opportunities for Prevention of Chronic Diseases through Clinical and Community Linkages; and Communication Plan. ○ EI Committee will focus on area of Chronic Disease Prevention, especially Diabetes Type 2; we need to reconnect with ADA for contact person. Can also focus on hypertension, heart attack, high cholesterol, stroke, kidney disease, etc. 	
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of Older Drivers Discussion – Focus can be older drivers and how long they should go before ceasing to drive, as well as other mobility limiting factors related to aging. Event can be for providers, elders and their family. Committee volunteers met prior to regular meeting today to begin to plan a 3-4 hour event one half-day this coming fall, October-November 15th (TBA). The members included: David S., Betty J., Carmen C., Paul H., Mayra G., and Maria H. Although the problem is related to a “loss” (e.g., the ability to drive), the goal is to 	

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	<p>have a positive discussion of this aging issue looking at “incentives” to make reasonable decisions. Need to define the problem from a psychosocial point of view; we could have a group of elders talking about their experiences then we could give them some solutions. Discussed the role of Occupational Therapy in the field of driving skills/assessment. Committee stipend (\$1,200) could help to fund related costs of event. Interested Committee members will meet again, perhaps before next month’s regular meeting to continue planning event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative (AFI) – hosted by HFSF. David reviewed grant history of AFI. Goals include pursuing age-friendly community planning following World Health Organization (WHO) standards, creating entity to ensure we continue to uphold/improve standards, focus on three priority domain which are outdoor spaces, transportation and housing (out of 8 areas). AFI workgroup is developing a full action plan with additional recommendations and strategies for M-D County and its change makers. Some Committee members attended the AFI Summit on May 12, 2015 at University of Miami. Natalie L. and Paul H. shared some of what they learned at the Summit. • 50th Medicare/Medicaid Anniversary - CMS requested assistance with planning an event to celebrate the 50th birthday on July 30th, 2015 at FIU. 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 has promised to deliver a proclamation. Betty would like anyone interested in 	
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	<p>helping out with the event to let her know. Gloria Freyre expressed interest in assisting and will contact Betty via email. They have been talking to FIU about an AM 2-hour event. The Mayor will be the only elected official present. The Committee can help by thinking of ways to involve about 200 seniors locally, and getting providers to bring seniors to the event. There are also plans for a panel discussion and press conference for the event.</p> <p>[KEPRO presentation was given at this point in meeting]</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative report – there is nothing to report until June. • EI Committee Work Plan 2014-2017 - It was decided that David will work on filling out the work plan initially, then a draft can be sent out to all members or it can be reviewed at next regular meeting in June. • PICH grant – <i>Healthy Happens Here</i> sticker design for Committee-specific grant initiatives was discussed and suggestions were given for custom messaging. The Committee decided to use “Promoting happy & healthy aging” in the larger bubble and “Ask how inside” in the smaller bubble. Font size should be as large as possible for readability and bolded in larger bubble. 	<p><u>Action Items:</u> David will fill out EI Committee Work Plan 2014-2017 to create a draft for review by the rest of the Committee members in June.</p>
<p>Presentation on <i>KEPRO, the New Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)</i> by Sylvia Gaddis, Outreach Specialist, KEPRO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KEPRO works under contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KEPRO serves as the Beneficiary and Family Centered Care Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO) for CMS areas 2, 3, and 4. This includes the state of Florida. • BFCC-QIOs work to improve healthcare services for Medicare beneficiaries. KEPRO manages all beneficiary 	<p>✓To file a quality of care complaint or appeal a discharge from a skilled nursing facility, home health agency, hospital, or a hospice, call KEPRO toll-free at 844-455-8708. ✓Visit www.keproqio.com to learn more about their free services.</p>

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	<p>complaints and quality of care reviews to ensure consistency in the review process while taking into consideration local factors important to beneficiaries and their families. KEPRO case review services are free for all people with Medicare. KEPRO also reviews discharge appeals when Medicare beneficiaries do not feel they are ready for discharge from the hospital or skilled services.</p>	<p>✓Thank you Sylvia for sharing this valuable information and resource.</p>
<p>Member Announcements/ Upcoming Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing & Membership committee will host Speakers Bureau training on June 3rd at 3 p.m. at CBS4 in Doral. The EI committee members who had expressed interest in joining the Speakers Bureau, David, Betty, Marsha J., Maria H., Natalie L., must attend this required training. • Marjorie announced the following Sunflower Society events: 1) 10th Annual After-School Art Class Art Exhibit on May 27th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fienberg-Fisher K-8 Center, Miami Beach; 2) After-School Art Class Art Exhibit on May 29th from 3 to 5 p.m. at Culmer Community Resource Center, Overtown; and 3) free adult art class <i>Imagination</i> every Friday starting June 5, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Unidad of Miami Beach-contact Winsome Bolt, 305-305-9141 for information. • Carmen shared copies of the MDPLS 2015 June publication <i>What's Happening at Your Library</i> with Adult Programs included. • Maria announced La Roca Firme Health Fair and Clinic event on May 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hialeah. 	<p>✓Event flyers were made available for members at the meeting.</p> <p>✓Visit www.MDPLS.org for <i>What's Happening at Your Library</i> monthly.</p> <p>✓Event postcards were made available for members at the meeting.</p>



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Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, 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 4:25 PM by Chair David Saltman.	