**Elder Issues Committee / Mayor’s Initiative on Aging**

Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

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<th>TOPIC</th>
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| Members Present                      | Arleen Foreman, Kimberly Clark Corporation  
Betty Jimenez, Miami-Dade County  
David Saltman, FIU  
Gloria Freyre, Department Elder Affairs  
Janice Drewing, Village of Pinecrest  
Luis Mejer, 24/7 Nursing Care, Inc.  
Maria Hidalgo, VITAS  
Marilyn Perez, Gentiva Hospice  
Marjorie York, Community Action Agency  
Marsha Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging  
Mayra Garcia, FDOH-MD  
Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach  
Odalis Benavides Hernandez, Switchboard of Miami, Inc. (By Teleconference) |               |
| Welcome and Introductions            | Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:30 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 March 31, 2015 were reviewed by committee members. A motion was made by Janice Drewing 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 updates to the committee.  
Old Business:  
- Continuation of Older Drivers Discussion – Focus can be older drivers and how long they should go before ceasing to drive. Event can be for providers, elders and their family. Event can be held one day this coming fall, October thru November 15th (TBA). AARP is interested |               |
in partnering, as well as a couple of providers. Marsha shared possible resources to use 1) Florida Department of Transportation’s spiral-bound booklet, “Florida’s Guide for Aging Drivers-May 2012” (copy was made for the record and for Chairs), and 2) online articles “Keys to Staying Safe and Mobile in Florida; Resources for Families and Caregivers; Driver Skills” (copies were made available to members). David asked who would be willing to meet to help plan this event; the following members volunteered: David S., Marsha J., Marilyn P., and Carmen C.

- 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. Interested members are invited to attend the upcoming AFI Summit on May 12, 2015 at University of Miami.

- Diabetes II Project – This initiative may be part of the 4th objective, “Opportunities for Prevention of Chronic Diseases through Clinical and Community Linkages” of the Partnership to Improve Community Health (PICH) CDC grant given to the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MDC). Next Tuesday, 5/5/2015, the EI Chairs are to meet with Karen Weller.

**FDOT resources:**
- Safety is Golden-Safe Mobility for Life Coalition
- [www.SafeandMobileSeniors.org](http://www.SafeandMobileSeniors.org)
- **Community partners to consider:**
  - Alliance for Aging
  - AAA
  - Miami-Dade Transit
  - Miami-Dade County Parks
  - local police department
  - Health Council of South Florida (HCSF)

**Useful websites:**
- Miami-Dade AFI: [www.AgeFriendlyMiami.org](http://www.AgeFriendlyMiami.org)
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<th>Director, Community Health &amp; Planning, FDOH-MDC for EI committee strategic planning. Note: our American Diabetes Association contact, Beatriz Gomez Galan, is no longer with the organization.</th>
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New Business:

- Legislative report was provided by the Chairs. Betty shared that “elderly budgets are fine, but we need expanded Medicaid in Florida for elders.” David shared a Miami Herald article “ALF measure finally passes” about bill HB 1001/SB 382 which Florida Senate sent to the governor. The bill proposes increased regulation on assisted living facilities with related penalties (copy of article made for the record). We need to continue to watch ALF regulations.
- 50th Medicare Anniversary – CMS requested assistance with planning an event to celebrate the 50th birthday. Event tentative date will be June or July 30th. Maria H. of VITAS, Vice Chair Betty of Mayor’s Office are involved. Chair David would like EI committee to also be involved. Event planning discussion included: possible event site could be FIU or here at the Government Center, ideas to involve seniors locally, providers could bring seniors to event with their own buses, consider what local elected officials to invite, having a round-table on Medicare, include FIU, administrator of CMS, and VITAS national medical director.

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- Marketing & Membership committee is organizing Speaker Bureau and training to be held on June 3rd at 3 p.m. at CBS4 in Doral. The following EI committee members expressed interest in being considered: David, Registration and training details were emailed out to these members on 4/29/15. |
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Betty, Marsha J., Maria H., Natalie L. and Janice Drewing (who later withdrew as she would not be available to attend the required training).

- 2015 Florida Worksite Wellness Awards luncheon on Friday, May 8th at the Biltmore Hotel, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Summit 2015 on Tuesday, May 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Newman Alumni Center, University of Miami, Coral Gables.
- Janice announced The Fourth Annual Older Americans’ Month Senior Fair, May 13, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pinecrest Community Center.
- Marjorie announced the following: 1) Sunflower Society free adult art classes every Friday starting June 5th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Unidad of Miami Beach. For more info. call Winsome Bolt, 305-305-9141, 2) Ministering to the Elderly Conference on May 14th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Miami Jewish Health Systems.
- Carmen shared copies of the MDPLS 2015 May publication What’s Happening at Your Library with Adult Programs included.
- Marsha announced the Alliance for Aging Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 21st at the Melreese Country Club in Miami.
- Natalie announced the following: 1) low-income housing sign-up opportunity, and 2) Community Action Agency’s Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

- Event/registration details were emailed to committee prior to meeting.
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- Event details and flyer were emailed to committee prior to meeting 4/23/15.
- Event flyer was made available for members at the meeting.

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- Visit www.MDPLS.org for What’s Happening at Your Library monthly.
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<td>Adjournment</td>
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