

ELDER ISSUES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Tuesday, September 30, 2014



TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members Present	Tony Wagner, DCF Josefiah Bocallao, Office of the Mayor, Carlos Jimenez Ricardo Calleja, DCF Allan Tavss, MDC-HFSF Jocelyn Fernandez, Tenet Health, North Shore Yeny Ortega, Tenet Health, Coral Gables, Hialeah, Palmetto Hosp. Dotty Vazquez, Office of the Mayor, Carlos Jimenez Betty Galan, American Diabetes Association Maria Machado, Office of the Mayor, Carlos Jimenez Suzanne Johnson, FDOH-MD Allyssa Sousa, AHA Joan Bustelo, Walgreens Carmen Centeno, M-D Public Library System Georgia Lehoczky, Walgreen's Alfonso Rixys, CauseMo Marketing Henry Parra, ALMA Ronit Krug, Alternative Home Health	
Welcome and Introductions	Chairman David Saltman and Vice-Chair Betty Jimenez were unable to attend the meeting today. The committee liaison, Suzanne Johnson, welcomed all and started the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. The meeting was held at the Beacon Center, Health Department location.	
Review and Approval of Minutes	The minutes for July 29, 2014 were reviewed and approved. There was no committee meeting held in the month of August as agreed by a previous committee vote.	



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Nomination Process for the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions	Suzanne Johnson informed the committee members present of the process for nominating and voting for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.	•
Presentation by Carmen Centeno, Miami-Dade Public Library System	Ms. Centeno gave our attendees an extensive overview of the M-D Public Library System. She provided a folder with Library information to attendees. She advised that there are many methods to access the Library system. Library customers can ask for legal forms, use computer programs, newspapers, DVDs, large print documents, films, TV shows, travel guides in several languages for their customers.	Thank you, Ms. Centeno
	The Library will have enhanced hours beginning on October 5 th . The web address for the Miami-Dade Public Library is <u>www.mdpls.org</u> .	
	Patrons can ask for legal forms, computer programs, newspapers, DVDs, large print documents, films, TV shows, documents in different languages and travel guides. There are 10,000 e-books and 7 million recorded music discs available.	
	The library loan books to the homebound without charge. There are talking books for the blind. Tai chi is offered. There is a calendar of events. Computer classes are offered.	
	You can volunteer to be a tutor at the M-D Public Library. You can teach an adult how to read. There is a "Jump Start" program for Head Start daycare. Early literacy kits are available for children.	
	The M-D Public Library is an amazing asset for our community.	



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Diabetes and Elders Project	Our committee voted and agreed to have Diabetes Type 2 as our project this year. It has great significance for the elders in our community.	Welcome Betty.	and	thank	you,
	We have invited Betty Gomez Galan, Director of Mission Delivery, Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties, American Diabetes Association for guidance along the way.				
	We have a goal to reduce the rates of death and disability due to diabetes type 2 in elders in Miami-Dade County. This will be done through education and encouraging healthy lifestyles to prevent and control diabetes type 2 in the 65+ age group.				
	Betty advised the attendees that M-DC has 34 senior centers. We need educational information based on ADA to get out to the elders every month. Our goal is to reach 2500 people. We want to increase the number of people who have access to prevention and care of chronic diseases.				
Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 PM	The date for the next Elder Issues meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 2014.				