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

**Minutes**

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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| Members Present        | 1. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging  
2. Allan Tavss, MDPROS  
3. Anjana Morris, Health Council of South Florida*  
4. Betty Jimenez, Self  
5. Carmen Centeno, MDPLS  
6. David Saltman, FIU  
7. Jose Fonseca, Walgreens  
8. Leslie Santiago, Alliance for Aging  
9. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency  
10. Marjorie Lee, AARP*  
11. Marsh Jenakovich, Alliance for Aging  
12. Martine Jasmine 311 Communications  
13. Mary Anne Sherman, FDOH  
14. Michael Pearson, Alzheimer’s Association  
15. Nanette Molina, Health Council of South Florida  
16. Natalie Lopez, City of Miami Beach  
17. Oralie Benavides, Switchboard of Miami*  
18. Shannon Kelley, United Way  

*Indicates member participated via conference call |

| Welcome and Introductions | Chair, David Saltman, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:39 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 July 26, 2016 were reviewed by the committee members. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Allan Tavss. It was moved and seconded by Alina Becker.

**Executive Board Updates**

David was not able to attend the September Executive Board meeting so he asked Anjana Morris of HCSF to report on the PICH grants. HCSF is preparing a final report of the 2nd year and we are commencing our third and last year of the PICH grants. We will continue the Healthy restaurant initiative; “Healthy Happens Here” because it has been very successful. David, our chair, read a report of smoke-free public housing prepared by Jan Ding of FDOH. The Hialeah Public Housing Authority plans to require that all public housing be smoke-free by Summer of 2017. In other areas all around Miami-Dade County, this Initiative doing well. David also reported the Executive Board Committee is in the process of restructuring itself for modernization.

**Committee Updates**

**Old Business:**
- Elder Transportation Committee was reported by Marsha Jenakovich and Shannon Kelley. They stated that the Age Friendly Initiative Workshop on Transportation would be held at the Miami-Dade Library, Main Branch. Several Committee members will be attending this event to obtain valuable information about Miami-Dade Transit improvements geared to serving the Elders of our community better.

**New Business:**
- We will have a presentation on Miami Matters by Brady Bennett of HCSF.
- Legislative report – Governor Scott appointed Jeffery Brag the new Secretary of Elder Affairs for the State of Florida. He has a background in insurance and served in FEMA.
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- Michael Pearson of Alzheimer Association congratulated our committee for collaborating with them on a successful Alzheimer’s Disease ad campaign. The campaign consisted of ads with information on the warning signs in English and Spanish which were posted on Miami/Dade trains and buses. He reported that the campaign which lasted from April to June, and because of it, the amount of calls received by 24 hour helpline has increased by 43%. It was proposed that the Elder Issues Committee sponsor another run of this ad campaign for three to six months around the holidays. Most members supported this idea by a show of hands.

| Presentation by Nanette Molina of Health Council of South Florida | Nanette Molina of HCSF gave a timely presentation on Emergency Evacuation. We are now in the middle of Hurricane season and Health Council of South Florida, partnered with Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management are preparing our community for any natural or man-made disasters. Such disasters include, hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, chemical spills, and terrorist attacks. Applications for shelters given to committee members to review. We were reminded that they must be completed correctly so that appropriate help and shelter placement can be assigned. This is a free service for our vulnerable population (disabled persons and the elders). Materials and kits are available in English, Spanish and Creole. Because ALF’s have a process in place, those elders and disabled are the target population that HCSF and the Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management assists in the preparedness process. The Office of Emergency Management and HCSF are public resources for applications to shelters. HCSF and the Alliance for Aging will help individuals complete applications. Allan Tavss of MDPR suggested HCSF come speak to seniors at Parks about preparedness. It was also noted that the person’s doctor will complete the medical portion of the application. Finally, it was stressed by | Thank you Nanette, for your presentation |
our presenter and several of our committee that shelters are a last resort.

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<td>1. Marjory York announced that White Cane Day will be held at the Lighthouse for the Blind will be held on October 14, 2016.</td>
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<td>2. SAGE will speak at the November 29, 2016 Elder Issues Meeting. SAGE is a LGBT group who collaborates with Jewish Community Services. One of their services is to train staff when working with LGBT clients.</td>
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<td>3. The Elder Issues Committee, AARP and United Way will cosponsor a screening of the movie “The Age of Love”. It will be held on February 2, 2017 at United Way.</td>
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<td>The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1 Street, Suite 29A, Miami, Fl. 33128.</td>
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