**TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **ACTION NEEDED**
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Members Present | 1. Alice Bravo, Department of Transportation & Public Works - *Presenter*
2. Alina Becker, Alliance for Aging*
3. Alex Trinchet, MDFR Employee & Community Assistance
4. Blanca Hernandez, Caballero Rivero
5. Carmen Centeno, Miami-Dade Public Library System
6. Cindy Brown, JCS/Lambda Living - *Vice-Chair*
7. David Armstrong, MDFR Intern
8. David Henderson, Transportation Planning Organization
9. Doug Bermudez, Department of Transportation & Public Works
10. Erika Carnevale, MDFR Intern
11. Francis Fernandez, Axis Adult Day Care
12. Frank Guyamier, DTPU
13. Gina Gonzalez, Anthem*
14. Isabel Rovira, Miami-Dade Age Friendly Initiative*
15. Islara B. Souto, AvMed/Miami-Dade County*
17. Jeannie Necessary, UF/IFAS Extension Family Nutrition Program
18. Katerina Martinez, Nova University College of Nursing*
19. Luisana Hung Salazar, Assistance to the Elderly, Inc
20. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency
21. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health-MD
22. Michael Pearson, Alzheimer’s Association - *Chair*
23. Michelle Cruz, Florida Department of Health-MD – *Elder Issues Liaison*
24. Miguel Hernandez, ReServe
25. Nercy Radcliffe, Providence Healthcare
26. Shawn Campana, MDFR Employee Assistance
27. Teri Arvesu, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor

*Indicates member participated via conference call
**Welcome and Introductions**
Chair, Michael Pearson welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:09 PM. The meeting was held at Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 NW 1st Street, 29th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**
The meeting minutes for September 25, 2018 were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Nercy Radcliffe and seconded by Teri Arvesu.

**Previous Action Items**
- AARP to host next Elder Issues Committee Meeting 11/27/2018 at their Doral location.
- Chronic Disease Subcommittee for Dental Care for Elders planned for 2019 (TBA).
  - No new updates.
  - Volunteers for planning subcommittee include: David Saltman, Nick Brunzell, and Sabrina Taldone, MD.

**Action Item:**
- David Saltman to organize a meeting date for the Chronic Disease Subcommittee to meet to begin planning a Dental Care for Elders event.

**Executive Board Update**
Chair, Michael P. provided the following updates:
- Recap of annual event. Surveys sent out after the event held September 14, 2018 indicated that the event was successful, positive feedback received.
- Consortium election nomination deadline is 10/31/2018.
- Commended Teri Arvesu for receiving award from the Elder Issues Committee for her commitment.

**Legislative Report**
Chair, Michael Pearson briefly mentioned that the president signed into law an increase in funding for Alzheimer’s Disease Research. National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded over 420 million dollars for Alzheimer’s Research, the largest increase ever for research.
- Reminded everyone to vote during the 2018 elections, either through early voting or on November 6th.
| Presentation: Transit in Transition: Evolution of Public Transportation | Alice N. Bravo, P.E., Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation & Public Works, gave an informative presentation on transportation in Miami-Dade County. With 2.7 million residents and 15.4 million visitors, Miami-Dade County is the most populous county in Florida. The goal of the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation & Public Works is to provide safe, clean services throughout the county. Additional highlights presented include the following:  
- Metrorail  
- Metromover  
- Metrobus  
- Golden Passport  
- Easy Card  
- Transportation Services for the Elderly  
- Special Transportation Services (STS)  
(The presentation was later emailed to EIC members on 11/1/18) |
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| Performance Measures in Need of Improvement | Collaborate with the Marketing & Membership Committee to increase the number of new organizations participating in committee events.  
- This is the remaining performance measure to be achieved on work plan.  
- Vice-Chair, Cindy Brown said she will reach out to the Marketing & Membership Committee to request a presentation on ways to increase new organizations’ participation.  
- Mayra Garcia encouraged EIC members to attend the free Social Media Literacy presentation hosted by the Marketing & Membership Committee on Wednesday, 11/07/2018 from 2p-4p at Beacon. |
| Recognition of Improved Performance | Chair, Michael Pearson announced that recommendations made for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) by the Elder Issues Committee were well received at the local DOH. As a result, the recommendations have since |
been sent to the state DOH for review and may be included in the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

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<td>• Luisana Hung Salazar invited members to her organization’s annual fundraising event, “Cuban Night for Alzheimer’s: Let’s Dance for a Cause” on 11/30/2018 at the University of Miami. (flyers were made available)</td>
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<td>• Gina Gonzalez and Alina Becker announced that they would be participating at the Alzheimer’s walk on Saturday, 11/3/2018.</td>
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<td>• Chair, Michael Pearson invited members to participate in the Alzheimer’s walk and provided the organization’s web site (alz.org/walk) for additional event information.</td>
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| • Isabel Rovira announced:
  o Age-Friendly Initiative will host their advisory committee meeting December 2018. |
  o Age-Friendly Housing Symposium to take place Thursday, 11/08/2018 in Broward. (event information emailed to EIC members) |
| • Islara Suoto announced that her organization continues to reach out to Miami-Dade County employees who are 55+ to increase wellness awareness. |
| • Marjorie York invited members to:
  o People Acting in Community Together (PACT) meeting Monday, 11/05/2018 |
  o Participate in a celebration for Homeless Awareness Day at Venture Café Miami on Thursday, 11/08/2018. (flyers were made available) |
  o Participate in the 10th Annual Veteran’s Day parade along Ocean Drive on Sunday, 11/11/2018. (flyers were made available) |
| • Teri Arvesu provided information regarding: |
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| o | National Institute on Aging: Shots for Safety to increase vaccination awareness among the elderly (pamphlet made available)  
| o | Transportation Trust newsletter (flyer made available)  
| o | Breast Cancer Awareness (fact sheet made available), announced that 10/31/2018 is the last day for the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.  
| o | The Golden Ticket Arts Guide for people 62+ made available  

- Nercy Radcliffe thanked EIC members that participated/attended Providence Healthcare’s Health & Wellness Resource Festival at Tropical Park Saturday, 10/20/2018.  
  - Funding from event to benefit the Leisure Access Foundation.
- Jeannie Necessary announced that her organization has established a new partnership with congregant meal sites to provide direct nutrition education and presentations regarding food safety in English, Spanish, and Creole. For additional information or to request a presentation, email Jeannie at jnecessary@ufl.edu
- Carmen Centeno announced that on Wednesday, 11/14/2018 the library will host an event promoting services.  
  - Over 50 branches offering free events for people of all ages, for additional information or to check out events, please visit www.mdpls.org
- Vice Chair, Cindy Brown, *Vice Chair* mentioned that 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations can reserve a library conference room one time each month at no cost, for additional information call or visit the Miami-Dade Public Library System.
- Miguel Hernandez announced that ReServe assists people 50 and over to return to part-time work and offers a program called Dementia Care Coaching to train caregivers in the healthcare industry.
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- Doug Bermudez provided information about the Golden Passport, a transportation service in Miami-Dade County that is free to seniors 62 years of age and older.
  - Announced partnership with the City of Miami to extend Golden Passport to bring services and activities closer to residents.
- David Henderson briefly mentioned that the Transportation Planning organization is working on a 20-year long-range transportation plan that will address the mobility of vulnerable populations, including the elderly.
- Jan Hurley provided information about Blue Zones, a project that has been undertaken in many cities to improve the lives of elderly residents through activities and suggestions that focus on health and wellbeing.
- Alex Trinchet announced that Miami-Dade Fire Rescue has initiated a new program that connects retired firefighters with new firefighters as part of a mentoring program.
- Shawn Campana announced that Miami-Dade Fire rescue has been piloting a program that trains dogs to assist veteran firefighters with depression and other mental health issues. They expect to have 30-40 dogs trained within the next 5 years.
- Blanca Hernandez announced that Caballero Rivero is conducting community presentations, “Your Life, Your Legacy” to raise awareness of end-of-life preparations.
- Francis Fernandez announced that Axis Adult Day Care celebrated their 24th anniversary.
  - Mentioned importance of creating awareness as it relates to getting the elderly out of the home and into centers that allow for socialization.
- Mayra Garcia:
  - Encouraged guests to join the Elder Issues Committee.
**Elder Issues Committee / Mayor’s Initiative on Aging**  
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<td>Handed out updated EIC fact sheet.</td>
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<td>Asked EIC members to take the 2018 Wellbeing Survey and to encourage their friends and family to take the survey as well.</td>
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**Adjournment**  
Michael P. adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.

**Next Meeting**  
The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 2:00-4:00 PM at AARP Florida 3750 NW 87th Ave. (Suite 650), Miami, FL 33178.