# Elder Issues Committee/Mayor’s Initiative on Aging
## Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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| Members Present | 1. Teri Arvesu, Miami-Dade County, Office of the Mayor  
2. Cindy Brown, JCS/Lambda Living – Vice-Chair  
3. Lupe Bruneman, Advocate Health Advisors  
4. Carmen Centeno, Miami-Dade Public Library System  
5. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
6. Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office*  
7. Francis Fernandez Plasencia, Centro Axis Adult Day Care  
8. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County  
9. Blanca Hernandez, Caballero Rivero  
10. Corrine Markey, The Senior’s Answer*  
11. Edeline Mondestin, Miami-Dade County CAHSD*  
12. Kathryn Moore, Bay Oaks Retirement Residence*  
13. Solina Rulfs, University of Florida/IFAS Extension*  
14. Daniela Tamayo, City of Miami Beach  
15. Giovanna Venegas, Baptist Health South Florida  
16. Alison Yager, Florida Health Justice Project - Presenter  
17. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency | | |
| Welcome and Introductions | In the absence of Chair, Michael Pearson, Vice-Chair, Cindy Brown welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:11 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 January 28, 2019 were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marjorie York and seconded by Mayra Garcia. | |
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| Previous Action Items(s) | A Committee Work Plan 2019-2024 Review was conducted at the January meeting. Further discussion today led by Cindy, included reviewing the Work Plan to see what activities and presentations are due this year on 9/30/2020 to help establish a timeline. The following overall points were made regarding activities, measures and/or collaborative partners:  
  * EIC will collaborate with the Mayor’s Initiative on Aging (Teri Arvesu) and the Miami-Dade Public Library System for their health presentation series for seniors job fairs and other events, e.g., “Healthy Living for Seniors” at Homestead Branch Library on 3/5/2020 at 11AM.  
  * EIC will collaborate with the Mayor’s Initiative on Aging June 9th, 2020 Elder Abuse Fair at Stephen P. Clark Government Center.  
  * EIC will collaborate with the HPDP Committee’s Health Resource Fair on October 6th, 2020 at Stephen P. Clark Government Center.  
  * Cindy mentioned she will be using Live Zoom (need free account) to host presentations to seniors which then creates a digital copy.  
  * Presentations (minimum four per year) are in progress in 2020 and we will likely meet this goal by September 30, 2020.  
  * By September 30, 2021, the Committee will conduct a SWOT analysis. | Action Items:  
  * Develop timeline to plan for work plan activities and presentations at subsequent EIC monthly meetings. |
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| Executive Board Update | Vice-Chair, Cindy Brown provided the update from the last Executive Board meeting held on 2/10/2020. Planning for the Consortium Annual event (tba) is underway. Also, mentioned Nicklaus Children’s Hospital GiveMe5 Walker Tracker app which promotes physical movement of children and their families and led those interested in going online to register at GiveMe5.WalkerTracker.com. Some folks were unable to do so at the meeting. Cindy mentioned that HPDP Committee Chair, Leyanee Perez, is the point of contact for this step challenge and would soon be sharing additional guidance on how to participate. | Action Items:  
  * Register online at GiveMe5.WalkerTracker.com |
Legislative Report
Vice-Chair, Cindy shared that the proposed increased funding for senior services had yet to be confirmed.

Presentation: Healthcare Access Issues Facing Low-Income Florida Seniors: the STORIES PROJECT
Alison Yager, J.D., Director of Policy Advocacy at the Florida Health Justice Project presented on the Stories project which helps share the voice of elder and/or disabled Floridians who have encountered barriers to Medicaid coverage for needed health and social services. Ms. Yager highlighted how the following can be barriers to care for seniors and disabled: Florida’s repeal of retroactive Medicaid, lack of dental benefits and long-term care Medicaid program. A few actual stories were shared from the Stories Project. She shared the website www.FloridaHealthStories.org where new stories can be shared, or professionals can initiate a screening form online.

Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)
The EIC Work Plan was reviewed during the Previous Action Items portion of the today’s meeting agenda. Discussions included the following:
- Future 2020 presentations
- 2020 host sites for May and November EIC meetings:
  - Francis Fernandez Plasencia of Centro Axis Behavioral Health Adult Day Care expressed that she would like to host the May 26th meeting. She would ask the director, Dr. Novoa to present on mental health topic for seniors.
  - Katherine Moore of Bay Oaks ALF/Retirement Residence expressed interest for hosting a meeting-will email formal request and site details.
  - Lupe Bruneman of Advocate Health Advisors expressed interest for hosting a meeting-will email formal request and site details.

Recognition of Improved Performance
The EIC Work Plan 2019-2024 has been reviewed (created 11/26/19 & reviewed 1/28/2020).
| Partner Updates | Teri A. announced the Mayor’s Initiative on Aging and the Miami-Dade Public Library System event updates:  
  o 50+ Job Fair was held on 2/21/20 at Hispanic Branch Library was quite successful.  
  o Healthy Living for Seniors discussion on 3/5/20 at 11AM at Homestead Branch Library.  
Marjorie Y. announced:  
  o Women’s History Coalition of Miami-Dade County\Commission on the Status of Women event 3/1/20 2PM (flyer provided).  
  o Miami Beach Comm. for Women’s event honoring local women for their public service 3/3/20 6PM at Capital One Café (flyer provided).  
  o Alliance for Aging, Inc. Healthcare and Senior Services Conference on 3/27/20 at the DoubleTree Miami-registration required (flyer provided).  
Cindy B. announced that the Lambda Living has launched the virtual program for seniors–she will email the flyer for distribution.  
Mayra G. announced:  
  o If not already a member, please register as Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade EIC member online at healthymiamidade.org.  
  o Alzheimer’s Association provides free supply of English and Spanish “prescription” pads which provide valuable resources as well as their 24/7 call number. Go to https://www.alz.org/pcpreferral/pcpreferral.asp. |
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<td>Cindy Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.</td>
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<td>Next Meeting</td>
<td>The next Elder Issues Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 2:00-4:00 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center located at 111 NW 1st Street, 29th floor, Suite 29A, Miami, FL 33128.</td>
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