

**Community Partnerships Committee  
Of the Orange County Commission on Aging**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2018 \* 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
Pine Hills Community Center, 6408 Jennings Road, Orlando FL 32818

*Bringing together local organizations that work directly with & provide services for seniors, their caregivers & their families in the Central Florida community. Providing the Commission on Aging input on proposed projects & identifying needs of older Orange County adults.*

**Members Present**

Theresa Adlam, Office of the Florida Attorney General  
Norma Asencio, WellCare  
Carolyn Austin, Representative Bruce Antoine's Office, Florida House District 46  
Sheila Belle, Pine Hills Seniors  
Compton Belle, Pine Hills Seniors  
Diane Buechler, Elder Ambassador  
Diane Burns, Florida Hospital  
Kizzy Caldwell, FHL Care Management  
Jennifer Campbell-Talbot, Winter Garden Senior Home Care  
John Davis, USA Dance  
Brandy Driggers  
Nancy Gavaghan, FUNctional Independence Training  
Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center  
Sandra Johnson, Elder Ambassador  
Kim Lee, Flourish In Place Home Care  
Anne Maley, FUNctional Independence Training  
Kathy Mascitelli, Home Care Assistance  
Delilah McKay, Volunteers for Community Impact  
Joanne Perez, Hand In Hand Home Care Florida  
Samme Ripley, retired  
Kelli Robertson, Volunteers for Community Impact  
Lorna Wilmoth, Pine Hills Seniors

**Staff Present**

Princessa Long, Intern, Office on Aging  
Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

**Minutes**

- Ms. Gendron opened the meeting thanked everyone for attending.

**Presentation** – New Changes to Florida Statutes, Chapter 825

- Ms. Gendron introduced the Honorable Judge Jose Rodriguez, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court.
- Judge Rodriguez stated the changes to Florida Statutes, Chapter 825 will become effective on July 1, 2018. These changes allow families, lawyers, law enforcement and the general public to file a sworn petition with the courts for an injunction to protect against the exploitation of

a vulnerable adult. Individuals filing a petition only need to suspect exploitation is imminent. Individuals are not required to know the suspected perpetrator, but must be able to describe the person. The petition must list the assets, including any lines of credit, that are requested to be frozen. This new law can affect power of attorney privileges and trustee privileges.

- The petition should be filed in the county where the victim is living, even if they have recently moved to that county to avoid potential exploitation or to move in with a caregiver.
- The petition can be filed even if there are other court actions pending (such as guardianship.)
- If Adult Protective Services finds that the vulnerable elder has capacity, families can still file a petition.

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## **Minutes**

- Ms. Gendron asked the Committee to review the minutes of May 4, 2018. No changes were made and the minutes were approved.

## **Commission on Aging Update**

- Ms. Reggentin stated the Fall 2018 series for the LIFE Information for Elders programs has been released.

## **Partnership “Go Around”**

- Ms. Gendron asked attendees to share any new programs or events associated with their organization.
  - Ms. Austin, Representative Bruce Antoine’s Office, Florida House District 46 – Ms. Austin stated individuals whose homes have septic within the Wekiva Basin area will need to convert to central sewer over the next several years. This project is in the initial stages so the implementation schedule and costs have not been determined.
  - Sheila Belle and Compton Belle – The Pine Hills Community Council is hosting a candidates form on July 12 from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Central Florida Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$10.
  - Jennifer Campbell-Talbot, Winter Garden Senior Home Care – The non-motorized equipment bank is moving to Story Road in the next couple of months.
  - Ms. Gavaghan and Anne Maley, FUNctional Independence Training – Ms. Gavaghan stated their next falls prevention class will begin on September 11 and will be held at the Center for Independent Living from 10 a.m. to noon for eight weeks.
  - Theresa Adlam, Office of the Attorney General – Ms. Adlam does presentations on identity theft for community groups.
  - Ms. Gendron, Alzheimer’s & Dementia Resource Center – Ms. Gendron stated their agency will be moving to One Senior Place by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The next Savvy Caregivers program begins July 13 and will be held at UCF. A new three-part series on meditation will begin August 1 and will be held at One Senior Place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- The meeting ended at 10 a.m.

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