

**Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – January 9, 2019**

Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th Street, Orlando FL 32805 * 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Vision	Create Positive Aging! An elder-friendly community that empowers older adults through choices that allow them to support and maintain their independence within their home community
Purpose	To identify the needs of the senior population and find ways to help by working collaboratively

Members Present

Mr. Gus Martinez, Vice Chairman
Dr. Sandria Foster
Dr. Barbara Keene

Members Absent

Ms. Edith Gendron
Ms. Kinda Haddah
Mr. Randy Hunt
Ms. Margaret Mularz
Dr. Carmel Munroe
Mr. Ken Terrell

Others Present

The Honorable Commissioner Mayra Uribe, District 3
Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Meeting Notes

- Mr. Martinez welcomed everyone and thanked Commissioner Uribe for accepting his invitation to the meeting. Mr. Martinez opened the meeting with a statement, expressing frustration that the Commission on Aging had a quorum for only two meetings in 2018. He noted there were several vacancies on the Board and commented that filling these vacancies was important. Mr. Martinez commented the Central Florida older adult population continues to grow. To serve these elders, it is important to reestablish programs that were discontinued due the reorganization of the Office on Aging. Mr. Martinez asked that minutes from this Board meeting be shared with County elected officials and staff.
- Commissioner Uribe stated the advisory boards in Orange County provide elected officials with great insight and feedback on issues affecting Orange County. She suggested that Mr. Martinez attend a Board of County Commissioner meeting.
- Ms. Reggentin provided a brief summary of Florida Sunshine Law.

Consent Agenda

- A quorum was not present, so no action was taken on the consent agenda.

Community Partnerships Committee Update

- Ms. Reggentin stated Ms. Gendron was unable to attend due to a mandatory work event. Ms. Reggentin stated the Community Partnerships Committee is scheduled to meet on January 11. The Orange County Sheriff's Office will be discussing Crisis Intervention Team training.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Mr. Hunt was absent. Mr. Martinez summarized the written report provided by Mr. Hunt that overviewed the role of the Senior Resource Alliance.

City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging

- Mr. Terrell was absent.

Commission on Aging Status Update

- Mr. Martinez provided a summary of the Commission on Aging's annual report. He also summarized the 2019 schedule of activities.
- Commissioner Uribe thanked the Board for their work and stated she had to leave.
- Ms. Reggentin distributed fliers for the Spring 2019 LIFE Information for Elders seminar series and asked for assistance in disseminating these fliers in the community.

New Business / Open Discussion

- Mr. Martinez stated the Board had discussed the Interfaith Symposium on Aging that had been held in Orlando in the past. The agenda for the 2008 symposium is in the packet. This was the last symposium held in Orlando. The Board expressed interest in reestablishing this event.
 - Dr. Keene stated she would connect with the Christian Chamber to see if they were interested. She will also connect with the Order of St. Luke's, which is hosting a national conference in Orlando in July.
 - The Board also mentioned the Interfaith Council of Central Florida should be contacted. Ms. Reggentin stated she would contact the Council and see if there was interest.
 - Dr. Keene, Dr. Foster and Mr. Martinez expressed interest in serving on a subcommittee.
 - Ms. Reggentin stated the Office on Aging would likely not be able to lead this initiative, but could offer in-kind support to another organization that wanted to spearhead the project.
- Mr. Martinez briefly reviewed the enabling resolution for the Commission on Aging and the general role of the Board members. The Board asked if Mr. Hunt could send a designee to the meeting. Ms. Reggentin stated the Board's enabling resolution did not permit a representative to attend for Mr. Hunt.
- Mr. Martinez tabled the discussion of Board involvement until the next meeting.

Public Comments

- Mr. Martinez stated Miles of Help Through Christ will be hosting an open air praise and worship event at Festival Park on March 23. The event will be free. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
- The meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

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