

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

Friday, November 2 * 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

Lelia Allen, Guardian Care
Audrey Alexander, Florida Department of Health in Orange County
Carolyn Austin, Representative Bruce Antone's Office, Florida House District 46
Chad Ballard, Central Florida Kidney Centers
Alexandra Bonilla, Davita Medical Group
Diane Buechler, Alzheimer & Dementia Resource Center
Mexcye Roberts, Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Association
Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center
Robin Graham, College Park Towers
Maura Hassey, Seniors First, Inc.
Tiffany Johnson, Access Lynx
Maggie Koziol, Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling
Jeanne McKnight, Jeanne McKnight Realtor
Maria Numpe, Access Lynx
Stacy Oliver, Westminster Plaza East
Lisa Rivera, Logisticare
Nererde Rivera, Orlando Cloisters
Kimber Saint Preux, Community Connections Transportation
Jennifer Talbot, Winter Garden Senior Home Care
JacQuie Walker, Florida Department of Elder Affairs
Tracy Wosaba, Winter Park Meditation and Mindfulness

Staff Present

Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Minutes

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

Presentation – Paratransit and Mobility

- Ms. Gendron introduced Ms. Johnson and Ms. Numpe with Lynx.
- Ms. Johnson and Ms. Numpe provided an overview of the paratransit system operated by Lynx. This system provides 24/7 services to Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. This non-emergency "ride share" program requires clients book appointments no later than the day prior to the appointment. Emergency, same day appointments are not available.

- Access Lynx serves individuals who cannot ride the normal bus service. An application process is required and there are two programs that individuals can qualify under, including Americans with Disabilities (ADA) or Transportation Disadvantaged (TD). Medical trips in the state of Florida are provided through the Medicaid Advantage Plans.
- Lynx has contracted the Access Lynx program to MV Transportation. On average, this system provides 50,000 trips per month. (A trip is one way, not round trip.) The average trip time is 90 minutes to two hours. Drivers have a 30-minute window to pick up a client. If a client is not ready for pickup, the driver is only permitted to wait for five minutes.

Minutes

- Ms. Gendron asked the Committee to review the minutes of September 7, 2018. No changes were made and the minutes were approved.

Commission on Aging Update

- Ms. Gendron polled the Committee on whether to keep the meetings at the Pine Hills Community Center in 2019 or to move the meetings to the Holden Heights Community Center. The Committee elected to keep the meetings at the Pine Hills Community Center.
- Ms. Gendron stated it was time to select the speaker topics for 2019. Committee members suggested topics and then voted on their top choices.

2019 Speaker Topics

- SRA services and the DOEA waitlist – 13 votes
- Taking away the car keys – 11 votes
- Meals on Wheels and senior nutrition – 10 votes
- First responders and residents living with dementia – 10 votes
- Medicaid eligibility – 10 votes
- Baker Act – 9 votes

Additional Topics Suggested (but not selected)

- End-of-life issues – 8 votes
- Transportation services not covered by Lynx (how are these trips being met) – 8 votes
- Living wills – 7 votes
- Silver Sneakers – 5 votes
- Services for individuals living with disabilities – 4 votes
- Senior scams – 4 votes
- Home repair for seniors – 3 votes
- Service animal laws – 3 votes
- Gambling addictions – 2 votes
- Military One Source – 2 votes
- Companion services – 2 votes
- ADA – 2 votes
- Medicaid Advantage Plans transportation options (transportation brokers) – 1 vote
- DCF Access Centers – 0 votes
- For-profit resources – 0 votes

Partnership “Go Around”

- Ms. Gendron asked attendees to share any new programs or events associated with their organizations.
 - Ms. Gendron, Alzheimer’s & Dementia Resource Center – There will be a “planning for the holidays” seminar on November 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at One Senior Place.
 - Ms. Reggentin, Office on Aging – The next 50+ FYI Expo is November 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center.
 - Ms. Austin, Representative Bruce Antone’s Office, Florida House District 46 – Representative Antone is hosting their annual financial literacy workshop on November 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Jones High School.
 - Ms. Talbot, Winter Garden Senior Home Care – Individuals living with dementia can attend a free painting class on November 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the SOBO in Winter Garden.
 - Ms. Wosaba, Winter Park Meditation and Mindfulness – A free introduction to meditation class is scheduled for January 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Winter Park Library.
 - Ms. Bonilla, Davita Medical Group – The November schedule for Davita’s activity center was distributed. The general public is invited to attend these free programs.

- The meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

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