

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

Friday, March 1, 2019 * 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

Audrey Alexander, Florida Department of Health in Orange County
Katie Bridge, Orlando Health Memory Disorder Clinic
Angela Corona, University of Florida IFAS in Orange County
Nancy Ellis, A Place Called Home
Nancy Gavaghan, FUNctional Independence Training
Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center
Helen Jones, AARP Florida
Jackie Kazimer, United Against Poverty
Kim Lee, Flourish In Place
Nikki Magyar, Right At Home
Anne Maley, FUNctional Independence Training
Alexandra Mercier, Senior Resource Alliance
Andre Minott, Advent Health Hospice
Amanda Mosel, The Sheridan at Windermere
Bridget Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice
Maritza Perez, Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling
Neseida Rivera, Orlando Cloisters
Dannielle Simpson, Bioclinica Research
Wynter Solomon-Cuthbert, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court
JacQuie Walker, CARES
Tracy Wosaba, Winter Park Meditation and Mindfulness

Staff Present

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Minutes

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

Senior Resource Alliance Services and the DOEA Waitlist – Alexandra Mercier, Senior Resource Alliance

- Ms. Mercier stated the Senior Resource Alliance acts as the local Area Agency on Aging for Central Florida. In this capacity, they manage the local Elder Helpline, which is an information and referral service to connect residents with local resources. Individuals can call or email for information. This Elder Helpline is also a main entry point for obtaining

subsidized elder services from the state of Florida. The Helpline services include an online database of the elder services agencies and programs available in Central Florida.

- In addition to the Elder Helpline, the Senior Resource Alliance oversees the implementation of several state and federal programs in Central Florida. These programs including the Home Care for the Elderly, Long Term Care, Community Care for the Elderly, subsidized respite services, the federal Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program and the SHINE program.
- In 2018, the Elder Helpline had 89,888 total contacts, including 49,377 contacts for the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care Program, 28,701 calls for information, 9,131 calls to providers and 2,679 non-Medicaid calls.
- The Senior Resource Alliance recently hired additional staff for the Elder Helpline.

Review of the Minutes of January 11, 2018

- Ms. Gendron asked the Committee to review the January 11, 2018 minutes. No changes were made.

Commission on Aging Update

- Ms. Gendron stated staff recently conducted the bi-annual survey for the LIFE Information for Elders seminar series. Past attendees were surveyed and the presentation topics for the fall 2019 series were selected. Ms. Gendron stated the Community Partnerships Committee is responsible for identifying potential speakers. The Committee provided staff with potential speakers for the fall 2019 series.

Partnership “Go-Around”

- Ms. Gendron, Alzheimer’s & Dementia Resource Center – Dr. Goodman will be giving a 75-minute presentation on understanding the different types of dementia on March 6 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at One Senior Place. The Alzheimer’s & Dementia Resource Center is partnering with Cornerstone Hospice on a dementia prevention and wellness workshop being held March 5, 6, 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the James R. Smith Neighborhood Center.
- Ms. Perez, Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling – March is problem gambling awareness month. Ms. Perez distributed a “plan screen safety” flyer and encouraged everyone to visit their website for a full list of available brochures.
- Ms. Walker, CARES – Ms. Walker stated the CARES team conducts the medical pre-admissions screening for individuals applying for Medicaid nursing home services.
- Ms. Alexander, Florida Department of Health in Orange County – Ms. Alexandra stated her office is working on a short-term age-friendly program to help support efforts that enable people to age in their home communities. This program runs through June.
- Ms. Rivera, Orlando Cloisters – Ms. Rivera stated that as the service coordinator, she helps schedule community presentations for her residents.
- Mr. Minott, Advent Health Hospice – Mr. Minott stated Advent Health Hospice has a new cardiac care program focused on helping patients remain at home.
- Ms. Solomon-Cuthbert, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court – There were 526 new guardianship cases in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in 2018 and 498 new cases in 2017.
- Ms. Wosaba, Winter Park Meditation and Mindfulness – The March topic for the third Thursday meditation and mindfulness series at the Winter Park Library is on mindfulness for sleep.

- Ms. Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice – Ms. Monroe stated Cornerstone is hosting a diversity and cultural competence class for agencies and elder service providers on March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the required seminar for pursuing CDP certification. In addition, seven CEUs are available for licensed social workers.
- Ms. Kazimer, United Against Poverty – Ms. Kazimer stated their grocery store is open to individuals at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Seniors receive an additional 10% off on Thursdays. Nonprofit organizations can also request a free membership.
- Mr. Lee, Flourish In Place – Mr. Lee stated they are a provider for the VA Choice provider program. He also stated the asset levels for the Veteran Administration’s “aid and attendance” program have recently increased.
- Ms. Ellis, A Place Called Home – Ms. Ellis stated she is an independent enrollment specialist.
- Ms. Gavaghan and Ms. Maley, FUNctional Independence Training – The next eight-week falls prevention class will be held in September at the Center for Independent Living. Staff is also conducting trainings at several assisted living facilities.
- Ms. Jones, AARP Florida – Ms. Jones stated the AARP Tax-Aide sites are now active. The next AARP Driver Safety Course is April 8 at the Westminster Winter Park Towers.
- Ms. Magyar, Right At Home – Ms. Magyar stated she is a provider for the VA Choice Provider program. She also has partnerships with Seniors First and Share the Care.
- Ms. Bridge, Orlando Health Memory Disorder Clinic – Ms. Bridge stated the next Caregiver College class is March 11 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Dr. P. Phillips Hospital and will focus on legal and financial matters.
- Ms. Corona, University of Florida IFAS in Orange County – Ms. Corona stated staff is available to provide community presentations on nutrition and healthy eating.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is May 3 at 8:30 a.m. at the Pine Hills Community Center. Kathleen Flammia from Flammia Law will be discussing Medicaid eligibility.
- The meeting ended at 10 a.m.

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