

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

Friday, June 28, 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

Wendy Agard, Flourish In Place
Audrey Alexander, Florida Department of Health in Orange County
Diane Burns, Advent Health Senior Health
Lena Coleman, WellCare
Raquil Combs, WellCare
Casandra Daniel, Senior Community Care
Nancy Gavagan, FUNctional Independence Training
Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center
Kinda Haddad, UCF
Norman Hickling, LYNX
Helen Jones, AARP
Jackie Kazimer, UP Orlando
Kalyn Knight, Florida Office of the Attorney General
Kim Lee, Flourish In Place
Sarah Lightell, Senior Resource Alliance
Andre Minett, AdventHealth Hospice
Bridget Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice
Lauren Moskowitz, Second Harvest
Wilie Patterson, Commission on Aging Board Member
Mexcy Roberts, Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Association
Wendy Roman, Humana
Theresa Russell, DCF
Jose Santana, Easter Seals Adult Day Center
Selita Stubbs, LYNX
Jennifer Talbot, Winter Garden Senior Home Care
JacQuie Walker, DOEA CARES

Staff Present

Cassandra Barron, Office on Aging
Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Minutes

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

Safe Mobility: Suggestions & Solutions –*Fran Carlin-Rogers, Senior Transportation Consultant and National CarFit Coordinator*

- Ms. Carlin-Rogers provided an overview of the five phases of the driving continuum, including driving well, education, being proactive, driver skill assessment and planning ahead.
- Ms. Carlin-Rogers stated that age is not a valid predictor of driver performance. A person's driving ability may be affected by normal aging factors, including vision, information processing or physical changes. Abilities may also be affected by medical conditions such as acute or chronic health conditions or memory loss.
- Ms. Carlin-Rogers stated Florida Statute Chapter 322.126(2) and (3) are the laws that regulate reporting and evaluating unsafe drivers. Ms. Carlin-Rogers stated that reporting is not mandatory and must be due to a medical condition. Both professionals and the general public can report someone to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The reporting process is confidential.
- Ms. Carlin-Rogers reviewed several resources including safemobilityfl.com, the find-a-ride program, AARP's driver safety resources and AAA driver resources.

Review of the Minutes of May 3, 2019

- Ms. Gendron asked for the Committee to review the May 3, 2019 minutes. No changes were made.

Commission on Aging Update

- Ms. Reggentin stated the Fall 2019 series of the LIFE Information for Elders seminar program is finalized. She asked everyone to help distribute fliers in the community.

Partnership "Go-Around"

- Ms. Gendron, *Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center* – Ms. Gendron stated the next Savvy Caregiver program begins on July 12. A community resources seminar is also scheduled for July 16.
- Ms. Talbot, *Winter Garden Senior Home Care* – Ms. Talbot stated the Medical Equipment Bank in Winter Garden is now operational and the public can now borrow non-motorized medical equipment for free.
- Ms. Monroe, *Cornerstone Hospice* – Ms. Monroe stated the in-patient hospice wing at Health Central Hospital is now open.
- Ms. Jones, *AARP* – AARP is working on a campaign to educate lawmakers on the rising cost of prescription drugs.
- Mr. Lee, *Flourish In Place* – Mr. Lee stated his company has formed a partnership with the Brain Fitness Club to expand this program to the Windsor at Celebration. The Brain Fitness Club is a nonprofit program for individual with mild cognitive impairment.
- Ms. Roman, *Humana* – Ms. Roman stated Humana is working with the VFW on a food hunger to coincide with the VFW's annual conference being held in Orlando in October. To date, 100,000 meals have been collected. Humana is also working with Second Harvest to support the food pantries in Central Florida.
- Ms. Kazimer, *UP Orlando* – Ms. Kazimer stated their member grocery store for income-eligible individuals offers 10 percent discounts to veterans on Mondays and 10 percent discount to adults age 55 on Thursday.

- Ms. Burns, *Advent Health Senior Health* – Ms. Burns stated their multi-disciplinary family meetings have been increased to 90-minutes, to enable the team of medical professionals to better address their patients' needs.
- Mr. Minett, *AdventHealth* – Mr. Minett stated Advent Health has opened a new 15-bed inpatient hospice unit at AdventHealth South.
- Ms. Moskowitz, *Second Harvest* – Ms. Moskowitz stated Feeding America has released a report that shows the Orlando MSA is the fourth most food insecure metro area in the United States. To help address the food needs of local residents, Second Harvest has created an online food locator tool that helps individuals find food resources in the community.
- Ms. Lightell, *Senior Resource Alliance* – Ms. Lightell stated the Elder Helpline processed 60,000 calls in 2018. She added there were 8,000 seniors on the waitlist for services within PSA 7. Ms. Lightell announced their Board has selected Karla Radka as the new CEO and she will begin on July 15.
- Ms. Alexander, *Florida Department of Health in Orange County* – Ms. Alexandra stated she is hosting the documentary *High Blood Pressure: A State of Emergency in the African-American Community* on July 10.
- Ms. Gavagan, *FUNctional Independence Training* – The next eight-week falls prevention class will be held in September at the Center for Independent Living.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is September 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the Pine Hills Community Center. JacQuie Walker will be discussing the CARES program.
- The meeting ended at 10 a.m.

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