

**Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – September 11, 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, Chairman
Ms. Edith Gendron, Vice Chairman
Ms. Chandra Ewell
Dr. Sandria Foster
Ms. Kinda Haddah
Dr. Barbara Keene
Mr. Willie Patterson
Ms. Karla Radka

Members Absent

Ms. Jayna Sutherland
Mr. Ken Terrell

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Orange County Office on Aging

Meeting Notes

- Mr. Martinez opened the meeting and noted a quorum was not present.

Community Partnerships Committee Update

- Ms. Gendron stated the Community Partnerships Committee meeting of September 6 was cancelled due to Hurricane Dorian. Staff are working to reschedule the speaker. Ms. Gendron stated the committee has been discussing their 2020 schedule and are interested in hosting these meetings at different elder venues around the community so that agency staff can learn more about local resources.

City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging

- Mr. Terrell was absent.

Commission on Aging Update

- Mr. Martinez provided an update on the activities of the Commission. He noted that Orange TV has recently released two 30-minute shows on elder law and guardianship. He added the Orlando Sentinel has written several articles about guardianship over the last several months.
- Mr. Martinez noted that September 19 is the 10th anniversary of the LIFE Information for Elders seminar program. Alexandra Mercier, who oversees the Elder Helpline, will be covering elder services and resources.

Ms. Ewell arrived at 8:45 a.m. Ms. Haddad arrived at 8:50 a.m. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

- Upon a motion by Ms. Gendron, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the Commission on Aging minutes from July 10, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Foster, the Community Partnerships Committee minutes from June 28, 2019 were unanimously accepted.

New Business

- Mr. Martinez stated that Lavon Williams, Manager of Community Action, is taking the lead in the interfaith and aging project. This committee is working with the Orlando VA on a faith outreach event scheduled in October at the Orlando VA Medical Center. Ms. Ewell and Mr. Patterson stated they would like to help with this event.
- Mr. Martinez noted there were several vacancies on the Commission on Aging advisory board and several current members have terms that are expiring in June 2020. He noted that Board elections require a quorum and asked when the Board would like to hold elections. There was consensus that elections would be held in January.
- The Board discussed and agreed that at their November meeting, they would select meeting dates and times for 2020. The Board asked staff to contact Mr. Terrell to inquire if he could call into the meetings. Dr. Foster asked if the enabling resolution could be changed to allow designees for Board members. Ms. Reggentin stated the resolution is currently being reauthorized and the County is not recommending any changes to the resolution.
- The Board discussed and formed consensus to review Board involvement and roles as well as projects of the Commission on Aging over the next two Board meetings.
- The Board asked staff if they could receive a report on the activities of the Community Action Division.
- Ms. Reggentin stated the Orlando Economic Partnership is working with community leaders to introduce the Blue Zones to Orange County and begin a Blue Zone activate assessment.

Ms. Radka arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Ms. Radka stated she is the new President and CEO of the Senior Resource Alliance. She provided a summary of her professional background.
- Ms. Radka commented that Secretary Prudom, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, was recently in Orlando and stated his focus is helping the Area Agencies on Aging and lead agencies be innovative and leverage resources to help meet the needs of elders in Florida.

New Business (continued)

- Mr. Martinez stated his organization is hosting their 10th anniversary Thanksgiving for the Homeless event on November 16 at Lake Eola. In addition to feeding over 1,000 people, Mr.

Martinez stated he is recruiting vendors that can provide support services to people, including haircuts and VA assistance.

Public Comments

- No public comments were made.

Upon a motion by Ms. Gendron, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the Board moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

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