

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

Friday, January 10, 2020 * 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

Eloise Abrahams, Guardian Care
Audrey Alexander, Florida Department of Health in Orange County
Lelia Allen, Guardian Care
Carolyn Austin, Florida House District 46
Mark Batchelor, Cybercrime Support Network
John Davis, USA Dance
Denise Dulniak, Dementia-Friendly Dining
Chandra Ewell, Commission on Aging
Holly Francis, Seniors First, Inc.
Nancy Gavagan, FUNctional Independence Training
Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center
Gloria Harris, Firebush and Fit To Dance 2
Denise Hogan, Second Harvest
Nikki Magyar, Right At Home
Anne Maley, FUNctional Independence Training
George McZeal, Commission on Aging / Elder Ambassador
Stephanie Malally, Guardian Care
Bridget Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice
Amanda Mosel, The Sheridan at Windermere
Wilie Patterson, Commission on Aging Board Member
Victor Peronti AdventHealth Hospice
Laura Phelps, Guardian Care
Mexcy Roberts, Legal Aid Society of Orange County Bar Association
Theresa Russell, DCF
Shaun Thorne, WellCare

Staff Present

Yvette Lockett, Office on Aging
Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Minutes

- Ms. Gendron opened the meeting thanked everyone for attending and Cornerstone for sponsoring the light refreshments.

Top 100 Companies in Central Florida – Carol Palacio, Orange County Office of Economic Trade and Tourism Development

- Ms. Palacio provided an overview of Orange County's Office of Economic Trade and Tourism Development. She stated the tourism industry only accounts for 20 percent of employment in Orange County. Other industries with a strong presence in Orange County include the aerospace/aviation industry and the healthcare industry.
- Ms. Palacio stated Orlando Economic Partnerships has numerous community partnerships aimed at supporting stem businesses and develop local talent to fill these employment positions. The Orlando Economic Partnerships is also concerned about transportation and affordable housing.
- Ms. Palacio stated there are a number of key economic resources in the community. One resource is the Orlando Economic Partnerships' data center, which also permits entrepreneurial businesses to list their company on their website. Other resources include the Opportunity Zone for the Pine Hills community and the Florida Virtual Entrepreneur Center.

Review of the Minutes of November 1, 2019

- Ms. Gendron asked the Committee to review the November 1, 2019 minutes. No changes were made.

Commission on Aging Update

- Ms. Gendron stated the Spring 2020 schedule for the LIFE Information for Elders program has been released.

Partnership "Go-Around"

- Ms. Gendron, Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center – There are a number of training events scheduled, including a January 17 seminar on understanding the different types of dementia, a January 31 seminar that discusses how whole life insurance policies can be converted to a cash asset to pay for immediate needs, a January 24 new support group for men called "Michael's Moments," and a four-part series that begins on March 5 focused on "Core" or controlling our risk everyday.
- Mr. Dulniak, Dementia-Friendly Dining – Mr. Dulniak is helping to spearhead an effort to train businesses, such as restaurants, on to create dementia-friendly environments and train staff to become aware of how to best communicate with someone with memory loss.
- Ms. Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice – The new inpatient hospice unit at Health Central is now open. On February 19, Cornerstone is hosting a free training for professionals interested in obtaining a "certified dementia practitioner's" designation.
- Ms. Gavagan and Ms. Maley, FUNCTIONal Independence Training – The next falls prevention training session that is open to the public will begin on March 3.
- Mr. Davis, USA Dance – Volunteers are available to provide a 45-minute performance of ballroom dancing at community events or assisted living facilities.
- Ms. Francis, Seniors First, Inc. – The emergency meals program current has no waitlist. The food pantry is open to the community on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.
- Ms. Russell, Florida Department of Children and Families – The Brevard Commission on Aging is focused on elder advocacy. The Senior Resource Alliance is looking for community agencies to accept EHEAP applications and there is a small monetary compensation for this effort.
- Ms. Abrahams, Guardian Care – Staff is working toward replacing this existing skilled nursing facility with a new facility by the end of the year.

- Ms. Malally, Guardian Care – The new adult day program has received its license from the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration and is now licensed for up to 45 participants per day. Guardian Care has also applied for an Alzheimer’s specialty care license.
- Ms. Allen, Guardian Care – Census 2020 is April 1st. There is a push to have all the Census surveys done online.
- Ms. Hogan, Second Harvest – The Second Harvest website has a “food locator” tool that allows users to locate food resources in the tri-county area.
- Mr. Batchelor, Cybercrime Support Network – 211 is now officially the reporting line for local residents concerned they have been a victim of cybercrime.
- Ms. Mosel, The Sheridan at Windermere – A professional networking breakfast is January 23. Respite care is now provided to caregivers.
- Mr. Peronti, AdventHealth Hospice – The newest program is a home ventilator withdrawal program for patients living in the community.
- Ms. Magyar, Right At Home – One of their focus areas is to provide “gap” services for local residents or visitors who need temporary home companion services. Right at Home is certified to provide second level dementia care.
- Ms. Alexander, Florida Department of Health in Orange County – The next showing of the movie *High Blood Pressure* is February 7 at Washington Shores Church of Christ. She also provided a summary of the BOLD program (or Building Our Large Dementia Infrastructure Act.)
- Ms. Austin, Florida House District 46 – After October 1, individuals without a gold star on their license will be unable to enter a federal or state building. The 10th annual Scholarship Fair is January 15 at Evans High School and there are 41 colleges participating in this event.
- Ms. Harris, Firebush and Fit To Dance 2 – A senior fitness jam is May 15 at Marks Street Senior Recreation Center and will feature the 28 different locations where free fitness classes are held. Fitness classes, wellness talks and health vendors are part of the program.

The meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.

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