

Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – March 14, 2016
Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th St, Orlando 32805

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. Crockett Bohannon
Mr. Corey Douglas
Ms. Sandria Foster
Ms. Edith Gendron
Mr. Randy Hunt
Mr. Gus Martinez
Ms. Aquasia Johnson McDowell
Dr. Carmel Munroe
Mr. Lee Watson

Members Absent

Ms. Cathy Kerns
Mr. Lynn Nicholson

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Meeting Notes

- Mr. Bohannon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Carmel Munroe is a new board member and is the health care representative.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Ms. Gendron, the Commission on Aging minutes of January 11, 2016 were unanimously approved.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Ms. Gendron, the Community Partnerships Committee minutes of January 5, 2016 and the Aging Matters minutes of January 21, 2016 and February 4, 2016 were unanimously accepted.

Community Partnerships Update

- Ms. Gendron provided a summary of the Community Partnerships Committee meeting of March 1. Ms. Marilyn Chrisman gave a presentation on steps hospitals are taking to become more ‘elder-friendly’. The Committee also selected speakers for the Fall 2016 series of the

LIFE Information for Elders program. There is also an agency “go-around” where agencies announce new programs and activities.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Mr. Hunt gave an update on the Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Hunt summarized the proposed state budget approved by the State Legislature.

City of Orlando Mayor’s Committee on Aging Update

- Mr. Nicholson was absent.

Aging Matters

- Mr. Watson and Ms. Reggentin provided an overview of the first session of the Aging Matters program. Ms. Dagenais from Orlando Health was the keynote speaker and provided a synopsis of the eight-month program.

Status Updates

- Mr. Bohannon provided a status update on the Elder Ambassador program and the LIFE Information for Elders program. Mr. Bohannon noted that attendance at West Oaks Library and Renaissance Senior Center has dropped. A discussion ensued. The Board requested staff continue to schedule meetings at the West Oaks Library. Staff was asked to schedule a committee meeting to discuss programming at the Renaissance Senior Center and invite the Commission on Aging and Community Partnership Committee.
- Mr. Bohannon invited the Board to attend the Commission on Aging. Mr. Bohannon noted the flyer included the Office on Aging’s new address and phone number. A discussion ensued on why the Office on Aging’s phone number was changing. Staff was asked to send information to the Board on how this phone number is used in the community.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Public Input

- There was no public input.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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