

Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – July 11, 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. Corey Douglas
Ms. Edith Gendron
Ms. Cathy Kerns
Mr. Gus Martinez
Ms. Aquasia Johnson McDowell
Mr. Lynn Nicholson
Mr. Lee Watson

Members Absent

Mr. Crockett Bohannon
Ms. Sandria Foster
Mr. Randy Hunt
Dr. Carmel Munroe

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Meeting Notes

- Ms. Reggentin stated that Mr. Bohannon had a last minute conflict and was not able to attend the meeting.

Consent Agenda

- No action was taken on the minutes since a quorum was not present.

Community Partnerships Update

- Ms. Gendron provided a summary of the Community Partnerships Committee meeting of June 28, 2016. Crockett Bohannon spoke on the topic of “how financial institutions help protect elders from potential exploitation.” The Commission asked that staff share the tips that were presented at this meeting.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- No report was given since Mr. Hunt was not present.

City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging Update

- Mr. Nicholson stated the City recently held a strategic planning workshop to identify future projects for the City board. The City's board is focusing on getting information to consumers by asking physician offices to add content to the video streaming services that play in waiting rooms.

Status Updates

- Ms. Reggentin provided the status updates. The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event had approximately 18 vendors and 140 attendees. The fall series for the LIFE Information for Elders seminar series has been released. A reprinting of the Fraud Prevention Resource Guide is underway and 10,000 copies will be printed.
- The Board discussed the impact that fraud and identity theft have on the elder population.

Bi-Annual Report

- Ms. Reggentin reviewed the bi-annual report for the Commission on Aging, which summarizes the projects and community outreach that occurred from January through June.

New Business

- The Board asked staff to follow up with Mr. Bohannon about the letter he was drafting letter to County Administration on the Elder Ambassador program.
- Mr. Martinez shared an incident he observed at the airport where elders, who were not aware of how to properly pre-register oxygen devices, had a difficult time navigating the system. The Board discussed the need to continue to educate the community about elder services and programs.
- Ms. Reggentin informed the Board there was a public records request for emails associated with the Elder Ambassador program being placed on hold.
- Ms. Reggentin distributed a draft of the "Stay Active in Orange County" brochure that is being developed in cooperation with the County's Parks & Recreation Division.

Public Input

- There was no public input.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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