

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

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016 \* 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th St., Orlando, FL 32805

*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**

Carolyn Austin, Bruce Antone, Florida House District 46  
Rachel Basseh, UCF  
Michele Blackmon, Orlando Cloisters  
Audrey Hauser Burnett, Orlando Health Memory Disorder Clinic  
Jennifer Campbell, AgeAdvantage  
Sylvia Gaddis, KEPRO  
Edith Gendron, Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center  
Maura Hassey, Seniors First  
Helen Jones, AARP Florida  
Sally Kopke, VITAS  
Laura Lang, Orange County Sheriff's Office  
Bridget Monroe, Cornerstone Hospice  
Sharon O'Neil, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court  
Lisa Rivera, MTM, Inc.  
Ann SanCartier, Watercrest Senior Living  
Wynter Solomon-Cuthbert, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court  
Ken Terrell, Owl (Older Wiser Learning) at The Center  
Ada Tirado, Community Health Centers

**Staff Present**

Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

**Minutes**

- Welcome - Ms. Gendron opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
- Presentation – Ms. Solomon-Cuthbert provided an overview of Senate Bill 232 / House Bill 403, which provides changes to Florida Statutes 744 – guardianship. The legislation creates an Office of Public and Professional Guardians under the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. The legislation also requires that procedures be developed for the reporting and investigating of guardians. The new Office of Public and Professional Guardians is also moving forward with creating a cloud-based reporting system for all guardians in Florida.
- Presentation – Ms. Lang spoke on the topic of “how law enforcement plans for the needs of their elder residents.” Ms. Lang stated the #1 issue that comes across her desk is elder abuse, including physical abuse, mental abuse, neglect, self-neglect and financial exploitation. She is often asked to help deputies who are responding to calls that

involve elders. Ms. Lang also does presentations in the community. The Sheriff's Office is working on establishing a bracelet system for individuals who are prone to wandering.

- Minutes – Upon a motion by Mr. Terrell, seconded by Ms. Hauser-Burnett, the June 26 minutes were unanimously approved.
- LIFE Series – Committee members selected the speakers for the Spring LIFE Information for Elders presentation topics as follows:
  - Top 20 senior websites – Ms. Reggentin
  - Common estate planning mistakes and how to avoid them (asset usage in retirement) – Crockett Bohannon
  - How technology can help frail elders stay safe in their home – a panel discussion to include Orlando Health, emergency responder systems and delivery services
  - Living alone: pros and cons – AARP and Ms. Lang
  - Open dialogue with a physician – (revise title) - potential speakers include Dr. Mariana Dangiolo, Dr. Rosemary Laird or Lauren Beniot
  - Best seller gadgets and gizmos – Colonial Medical Supplies
- Partnership “Go Around” – Ms. Gendron asked attendees to share any new programs or events associated with their organization. Discussion ensued.
- The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

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