

Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – September 12, 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, Chair
Mr. Corey Douglas
Mr. Randy Hunt
Ms. Cathy Kerns
Mr. Lee Watson

Members Absent

Ms. Sandria Foster
Ms. Edith Gendron
Mr. Gus Martinez
Ms. Aquasia Johnson McDowell
Dr. Carmel Munroe
Mr. Lynn Nicholson

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

Meeting Notes

Consent Agenda

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

Status Updates

- Life Seminars – The coordination of the Spring 2017 series has begun. The participant survey was completed and the Community Partnerships Committee has identified potential speakers.
- Fraud Prevention Guides – Ms. Reggentin has distributed approximately 8,500 of the newly printed documents. Ms. Reggentin has received approval to translate this guide into Spanish and the print version should be finalized by the November meeting.
- Active Aging Brochure – The Active Aging brochure has been printed. This brochure lists the nine senior centers located in the Orange County geographic area.

- 50+ Expo – The next expo is scheduled for October 7th from 9:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Commission on Aging Structure and Programs

- Mr. Bohannon distributed a letter he wrote to County administration regarding the restructuring of the Office on Aging. This letter had been requested by the Board at prior meetings. Mr. Bohannon stated he has not received a reply and would follow up with County administration. Ms. Reggentin provided a reminder on Florida Sunshine.
- The Board began a general discussion on how to restructure the Commission on Aging's programs in light of the realignment of staff.
- Mr. Hunt suggested the Board meetings be rotated to each of the different senior centers. He also suggested the host center manager be invited to provide an overview of their center and its programs. The Board directed Ms. Reggentin to begin scheduling the Board meetings at senior centers effective this November.
- Ms. Reggentin overviewed three proposals. The first proposal is to continue hosting the quarterly trainings that were established for the Elder Ambassadors. These quarterly trainings would be open to the community and would be mini versions of the elder abuse awareness event. The second proposal is to collect data and information on the needs of elders and champion elder issues in the community. Mr. Hunt suggested that when the Board visits the different senior centers, the Commissioner in that district could be invited. The third idea is to focus on supporting the different senior clubs at the seven community centers. A short discussion ensued. Mr. Bohannon commented that he would contact staff to determine if a special meeting was needed prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in November.

New Business

- Mr. Watson arrived at 12:25
- Ms. Reggentin asked the Board for their assistance in recruiting media professionals to participate in the final session of the Aging Matters program.
- Mr. Bohannon, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Hunt departed at 12:35.
- Ms. Kerns arrived at 12:38.
- The Board continued the discussion of the Aging Matters and identified media professionals to invite to the October session.

Public Input

- There was no public input.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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