

**Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – May 8, 2019**

Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th Street, Orlando FL 32805 * 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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. Gus Martinez, Chairman
Ms. Chandra Ewell
Ms. Edith Gendron
Mr. Randy Hunt
Dr. Barbara Keene
Mr. Willie Patterson

Members Absent

Dr. Sandria Foster
Ms. Kinda Haddah
Dr. Carmel Munroe
Ms. Jayna Sutherland
Mr. Ken Terrell

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Orange County Office on Aging
Ms. Roxy Santiago, Orange County Membership and Mission Review Board

Meeting Notes

- Mr. Martinez opened the meeting and welcomed Ms. Ewell to the Commission on Aging advisory board. Ms. Ewell provided a summary of her background.

Consent Agenda

- Mr. Martinez stated there was a quorum to take action on the consent agenda.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Dr. Keene, the Commission on Aging minutes from March 13, 2019 and April 22, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Gendron, the Community Partnerships Committee minutes from March 1, 2019 were unanimously accepted.

Community Partnerships Committee Update

- Ms. Gendron stated Kathleen Flammia was the speaker at the May 3 meeting of the Community Partnerships Committee. Ms. Flammia provided a detailed overview on Medicaid planning. Agencies also provided an overview of their new programs and activities. Ms. Carlin Schneider from the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany has returned to Central Florida to conduct more interviews. Ms. Schneider is a linguist who is researching how language evolves in bi-lingual individuals who are living with Alzheimer's disease.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Mr. Hunt stated the Florida Legislature session has concluded. The budget has been passed and is awaiting Governor DeSantis' signature. This statewide budget includes an additional \$2 million for Community Care for the Elderly programs and an additional \$1.5 million for Alzheimer's Disease Initiative programs. Mr. Hunt stated he expected large surpluses at the end of the year since the budget did not include additional funds for more staff to process applications for subsidized services. Ms. Gendron commented that if staff cannot process people and place them on the waitlists, then these waitlists are artificially low.

City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging

- Mr. Terrell was absent.

Commission on Aging Update

- Mr. Martinez stated the fall 2019 schedule for the LIFE Information for Elders series is finalized. Staff is also working on translating the Th'EYES senior sensitivity program into Spanish. Mr. Martinez reviewed the Vital Living Block of programming on Orange TV. He encouraged the Board to contact staff with suggestions for show topics.

Discussion of the Interfaith Symposium on Aging Coalition

- Mr. Martinez provided a synopsis of the interfaith meeting. The working title of this community committee is "Interfaith & Multicultural Collaborative on Aging". The committee is working toward hosting a strategic planning meeting in August and Jim Coffin, with the Interfaith Council of Central Florida, has offered to help recruit key stakeholders to this meeting.
- Discussion ensued. The Board suggested the Interfaith & Multicultural Collaborative on Aging create a brochure on aging programs and services offered by faith communities in Central Florida.

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Public Comments

- No public comments were made.

Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Keene, the Board moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

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