



Office of Community Advocacy

Elder Affairs Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, February 29th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Stephen P. Clark Government Center

111 NW 1st Street, Room 18-4

Miami, FL 33128

Members Present: Magali Abad, Verania Hermida, Nercy Radcliffe, Mario Tapia

Members Absent: Susan Holtzman, Rosa Kasse, Johnnie Mae Kerr, Dionne Polite

I. Welcome

The meeting began at 10:27 a.m.

II. Approval of February Agenda

The board did not vote due to a lack of quorum.

III. Approval of January Minutes

The board did not vote due to a lack of quorum. This item is moved to March.

IV. Reasonable Opportunity

There were no visitors for reasonable opportunity.

V. Current Business

The board discussed the annual resource fair. Katherine and Lupe are working on securing a location. We need vendors, so board members are encouraged to send Katherine any recommendations they have. The board suggested charging vendors to participate, which we will discuss further in March.

Paul Hunt is no longer a member of the Board. Rosa Kasse will serve as Chair and Magali will serve as vice-chair, as required by the bylaws. We need to elect a second vice-chair. This will be done at the March meeting since there is no quorum.

Mario mentioned that AARP had been advocating in Tallahassee for more funding for wait lists. Katherine will ask Dionne for more information.

Mario and Lupe brought up concerns about the Alliance's 20 year future plan. They would like to hear from them soon to discuss their area planning. Katherine will schedule a visit. She asked for the board to send her any questions they may have for the Alliance.

VI. Old Business

Katherine gave the board copies of the report rough draft and asked for any edits or suggestions to be sent to her. The goal is to have it shared with the County Commissioners in May for Older Americans Month.

The board then discussed the pamphlet's newest edition which is also set for a May print date. The board would like more resources added, especially more medical centers, congregate meal centers, and rehab centers. Katherine will research to find more and asked that everyone send her the resources they would like added, as well. The pamphlet organization will be changed to sort resources by location and we will remove the date. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed for the pamphlet's future editions. This will be voted on in March.

VII. Announcements

The Latino Center on Aging has two events coming up. The first is March 27th at Roberto Alonso Community Center in Miami Lakes from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It's about Alzheimers and Parkinsons. On May 18th, the Latino Center on Aging is hosting their annual Golden Age Awards Gala at the Pullman Hotel.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.