



Office of Community Advocacy

Elder Affairs Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 25th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Stephen P. Clark Government Center

111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1011

Miami, FL 33128

Members Present: Magali Abad, Betty Hermida, Barby Morales, Nercy Radcliffe, Mario Tapia, Becky Herrup

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

I. Welcome

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Magali motioned to approve the agenda. Betty seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote and the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes

Becky motioned to approve the minutes. Barby seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote and the minutes were approved.

IV. Reasonable Opportunity

No one was present for reasonable opportunity.

V. Current Business

The board discussed the committee report from the Community Outreach Committee. The discussion was focused on the plan for the Older Adult Resource Fair. Martine Charles, the Director for Planning and Population Health for the Alliance on Aging, came to speak to the board. She explained how the Alliance on Aging works and where their funding comes from. Outreach for the

alliance is defined specifically by the Older Americans Act as interaction with community members who are not already aware of the alliance. The Alliance prioritizes outreach to the underserved, over 85, limited English proficiency, low income, and minority individuals. One of the concerns that the board had with the Alliance's survey was that not enough older adults would find it accessible. The Alliance is aware of the lack of access to computers for older adults and is looking at how to make the survey as far reaching as possible. Ms. Charles also discussed the Alliance's area plan on aging, which is required every four years. It lists out all of their strategies, priorities, and gaps and needs. It also identifies certain high need geographic areas, distressed neighborhoods, high risk groups, racial and ethnic groups, special subpopulations, caregivers, LGBTQ+, disabilities, and home bound individuals.

Mario has a concern about reaching all older adults by website survey. He asked the following questions. Is it possible to do a needs assessment? Who can lend their support? AARP? What happened when the Alliance conducted their survey? How can we get a needs assessment? Ms. Charles responded that the alliance used all mediums. They worked through partners, went to community events, and kept the survey open for six months. They also did the survey in all three main languages used in Miami: English, Spanish, and Creole. The survey is not the only resource that the Alliance uses. If there is a resource to conduct another needs assessment, the Alliance would be glad to be a part of it.

Mario also requested an ethnic breakdown, if possible, of meals on wheels and would like to see how much money is necessary to eliminate the waiting list for meals on wheels.

The board has reached out to the Board of County Commissioners to conduct a needs assessment survey based on county services.

Francheska Fabien then spoke to the board about her service. She works with Primerica, which does financial planning, retirement funding, debt resolution programs; as well as life insurance and a legal shield that helps with healthcare surrogates, power of attorney, wills, and living wills. They also speak English, Spanish, and creole.

VI. Old Business

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.