



Miami-Dade County
Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)
Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)
111 N.W. 1st Street, Miami, Florida 33128
18th Floor, Conference Room 18-4

Date:	Tuesday, September 24, 2024	
Time:	10:30 AM – 1 PM	
Call to Order Time:	11:05 AM	
Meeting Adjourned:	12:43 PM	
<u>Opening and Attendance:</u> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed.		
District 1 Commissioner Oliver G. Gilbert, III	Damian Gregory Chairman	P
District 2 Commissioner Marliene Bastien	Jackson David	A
District 3 Commissioner Keon Hardemon	Marilyn Orozco	A (by phone)
District 4 Commissioner Micky Steinberg	Vacant	
District 5 Commissioner Eileen Higgins	Eddie Sierra Vice Chairman	A
District 6 Commissioner Kevin M. Cabrera	Vacant	A
District 7 Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado	Rabbi Yossi Harlig	P
District 8 Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins	Nicole Attong	A
District 9 Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee	Ulrica Garcia	A
District 10 Commissioner Anthony Rodriguez	Natalia Wong	P
District 11 Commissioner Roberto J. Gonzalez	Katherine Magnoli	P
District 12 Commissioner Juan Carlos Bermudez	Maria Mercedes Villar	P
District 13 Commissioner René Garcia	Theo Karantsalis	P

Miami-Dade County Staff Present	Heidi A. Johnson, ISD, ADA Coordinator Jody Cox, ISD, ADA Coordinator Michael Moran, ISD, ADA Senior Officer Joyce Galbut, CAHSD, Center Manager Elissa Plancher, PHCD, Assistant Director 1	
Member(s) of the Public:	Anthony Gonzalez , head representative of Sunrise	
1. Call to Order and Roll Call Attendance was called; CODI did not have quorum because only six members were present.		
2. Approval of Today's Agenda and Minutes This did not take place due to lack of quorum.		
3. Public Comments (Two minutes per person) - Heidi Johnson thanked everyone for attending the ADA Disability Resource Fair. There was a great turnout and attendance exceeded expectations. - Elissa Plancher (PHCD) They deal with housing funding for public services, home funding, etc. A housing survey will be sent out with the expectation of hundreds of responses. The survey results will help make decisions about how to spend funds. They want to prioritize needs of community. The survey will be open until 11/6/24 and is in English, Spanish and Creole. Accommodations are available for people attending meetings in person. The next meetings are scheduled for October 9, 10, 15, and 17. Some are scheduled during daytime and others during evening, at South Dade Library, Oak Park, North Dade Library, and other locations. Public meetings are also available on ZOOM. Surveys are digital and on paper. - Jody Cox presented about the Disability Resource Fair. Over 250 people attended the event. It was hard work but successful. We had little parking and we shuttled people over all day. Next year, we want a bigger space/venue, but we will need more funding. - Mercedes Villar said that the fair should last longer because was not enough time to see and interact with all of the exhibitors and activities. - Jody said that we'd like more people, workers, volunteers, funding, agencies, etc. We may bring in for-profit businesses to help fund us. We may want to make this an entire County event, instead of only ADA Office. We had a small budget and made it work with help from MDPLS. We may do it at the Youth Fair facility for \$5,000. Tropical Park will not work because we need indoor location. - Kat Magnoli and Theo Karantsalis said that Miami-Dade College in Hialeah has indoor space, but parking is not good.		

- Theo Karantsalis thanked everyone for their hard work at the event. He shared a story of how an STS driver did not let Theo and his son get a ride to the ADA event. Theo is working with STS to fix and improve their rider manual and solve these issues.
- Chairman Damian Gregory said that disability history is important. We want to sponsor something and be more involved. We need disability history month because it's not taught, and few people are aware.

4. New Business

a. District Update Project for All CODI Members

- Chairman Gregory wants CODI members to bring Commissioners and/or Commission staff to CODI meetings. Invite them to our October meeting and future meetings. Even numbered districts try first, then odd numbered districts try later.

5. Old Business:

a. PHCD Housing Report

- Elissa Plancher said that the University of Miami is working with PHCD on the housing study. They have a list of sites for future housing, for moderate and lesser income families, plans for relocation of housing, identification of programs and actions to work with private sectors to help with housing, recommendations from Miami-Dade County advisory board, development of housing programs to help Miami-Dade County. CODI Board recommendations are in the housing report and being implemented. FIU is gathering housing data, too. They don't have a full draft yet, with no defined date of finishing the report.
- Heidi Johnson asked if PWD are on the data team and helping with housing report. PWD have insights to share that other communities may not have.
- Ms. Plancher said that the data is coming from Shimberg Center for Housing Studies at the University of Florida, HUD, and places with PWD. CODI can provide more data, questions, recommendations, etc. Currently PWD are not on our team, but we are relying on CODI for help.
- Ms. Plancher said that she's working on a five year housing plan. The state report was produced and presented to the board already. Was the CODI report included in the state report? Ms. Plancher said that the original report from 2023 highlights housing units that are accessible and affordable. Today's five year plan includes the CODI housing info. They are focusing on community outreach to inform public about available resources to help. Multiple reports have been confusing and

complex, but they're all detailed and combined into the five year plan. All data is combined, but we need more recommendations.

- Ms. Johnson said that PHCD did not come to CODI with their complete housing report. CODI needs accurate numbers or predictions/estimate to help us understand the right amount of housing needed for PWD. The data is not complete because there is missing data related to PWD.
- Chairman Gregory said that the report must define accessibility to ensure housing report and decisions help PWD. Your home should be comfortable, safe, free of stress.
- Ms. Plancher is reviewing CODI's concerns and comments to bring back to UM to help with housing. She reviewed everything we mentioned in this meeting. Is there a PWD survey in the County about their accessibility needs in housing? CODI needs to read the five year plan and then make recommendations to help us improve housing and include PWD. She can attend the November CODI meeting and report back to CODI. She can't send the five year plan to CODI yet because it's still in rough draft form.

5. Next Scheduled Meeting and Adjournment:

Tuesday, October 22, 2024: 10:30am - 1pm, SPCC 18-4.