

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION NEEDED
Members/Attendees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Triana Abel Encarnacion, Center for Cognitive Neuroscience and Aging</li> <li>2. Marina Bravo, First Quality Home Care</li> <li>3. Blanca Ceballos, United HomeCare</li> <li>4. Martine Charles, Alliance for Aging, Inc.</li> <li>5. Marla Cocalis, StudentsCare – <i>Guest</i> (on behalf of Tami Robinson)</li> <li>6. Rob Collins, HOPE, Inc.</li> <li>7. Olivia DeCastro, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>8. Jennifer De Gruccio, Parkinson's Foundation</li> <li>9. Irenaida Diaz, Advocacy Network on Disabilities</li> <li>10. Nattaliah Earle, Urban Health Partnerships – <i>Vice-Chair &amp; Presenter</i></li> <li>11. Ruth Edouard, La Coupe Joseph Farm Project Inc.</li> <li>12. Witson Faustin, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>13. Mariangelli “Angie” Fernandez, Miami-Dade State Attorney Office</li> <li>14. Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue</li> <li>15. Mayra Garcia, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County</li> <li>16. Vanessa Garcia Azzam, Miami-Dade County</li> <li>17. Fabimaelsie Jean, Deedco Gardens – <i>Guest</i> (on behalf of Jason Torres)</li> <li>18. Brenda Lampon, Miami Dade County Office of the Mayor</li> <li>19. Dennise Nicola, PACE/Miami Jewish Health – <i>Chair</i></li> <li>20. Carmen Ramos-Watson, B/Adaptable</li> <li>21. Louisenie Remy, Jackson Health Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center</li> <li>22. Lilliana Rey, Alliance for Aging</li> <li>23. Lasonya L. Rodgers, Humana</li> <li>24. Kathleen Sarmiento, Alliance for Aging, Inc.</li> <li>25. Natalia Shtompel, Barry University School of Social Work</li> <li>26. Elizabeth Ann Soriano, University of Miami</li> <li>27. Jeanne P. Tamargo, Informed Families</li> <li>28. Stephanie S. Thomas, PG &amp; Co The Health Consultant</li> </ol>	

	<p>29. Dianna Valenzuela, Public Partnerships</p> <p>30. Melody Velez, United Healthcare</p> <p>31. Marjorie York, Community Action Agency (attended via phone call)</p>	
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Chair, Dennise Nicola welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:02 PM. General meeting guidelines were provided for the attendees by Dennise N. and Vice-Chair, Nattaliah E. assisted with the agenda. Attendee introductions were done during <i>Partner Updates</i>, and virtual attendees were encouraged to put their contact information and any organizational updates/announcements in the chat.</p>	
Review and Approval of Minutes	<p>The minutes from the last meeting on June 24, 2025, were reviewed by the Committee members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Marjorie Y. and seconded by Angie F.. The minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.</p>	
Previous Action Items(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue Open Discussion of 2019-2024 Work Plan transition to 2025-2030 Work Plan Development</li> <li>• Activity under <i>Chronic Disease</i>, p. 11, related to <i>design an educational toolkit to increase awareness and educate on the warning signs of Alzheimer's Disease, risk reduction and early diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trilingual Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRDs) Community Resource (originally created in 2021-2022) has been updated, pending DOH workflow approval.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Executive Board (EB) Update	<p>Although the EB did not meet on 7/14/2025 as the meeting was cancelled, Chair, Dennise N. provided the following ongoing updates from the EB, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Consortium Event Taskforce has been meeting since April to plan the Consortium Annual Event and Worksite Wellness Awards Ceremony. The next planning meeting is on 8/1/2025. If you are interested in being on the Taskforce, let Mayra know so you can be added to the listserv.</li> <li>• The Consortium digital brochure was approved by the EB and DOH Communications. Next steps will be to disseminate in English with the full Consortium. The plan is to translate in Spanish and Creole. The brochure will be</li> </ul>	

	<p>used by members when meeting with interested partners to encourage them to join.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)</b> Community meeting held on June 23, 2025, at FIU Wolfe University Center in North Miami was held to review the results of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships assessments to help inform the <b>2025-2030 CHIP</b>. A total of five priority areas were selected by voting. The <b>2025-2030 CHIP Priority Areas</b> will include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Access to Care</li> <li>2. Chronic Disease</li> <li>3. Behavioral &amp; Mental Health</li> <li>4. Maternal Child Health</li> <li>5. Healthy Weight/Physical Activity/Nutrition</li> </ol> <p>The new CHIP will help inform the Consortium committee workplans for the next five years. Although <i>Older Adults</i> was not selected as one of these top five priority areas voted on by the community members in attendance, the health issues affecting this population (e.g., Alzheimer's and related dementia, fall prevention, housing, etc.) can be incorporated into the five priority areas selected.</p> </li> </ul>	
Legislative Report	<p>EIC member, Brenda Lampon with the Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The County is in the middle of budget season, and back in May they had a pre-budget community meeting to have related conversations.</li> <li>• There will be additional townhall budget meetings with community stakeholders specifically serving people with mental illness and disabilities, and older adults.</li> <li>• Last week's meeting had representation from several EIC members, such as, Nattaliah, Dennise and Vanessa. Discussion included how the proposed budget is affecting our older adults when it comes to county services (e.g., Community Action and Human Services Department, and Parks and Recreation).</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brenda later shared a flyer and email which was forwarded to the EIC member listserv with information about the following six additional Budget Public Townhall meetings to be hosted in-person for two hours each:</li></ul> <table><tr><td><b><u>Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Main Library 101 W Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130</td><td><b><u>Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.</u></b> North Dade Regional Library 2455 NW 183 Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056</td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Westchester Regional Library 9445 Coral Way Miami, FL 33165</td><td><b><u>Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Arcola Lakes Senior Center 8240 NW 7 Avenue Miami, FL 33150</td></tr><tr><td><b><u>Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Dennis Moss Center 10950 SW 211 Street Cutler Bay, FL 33189</td><td><b><u>Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Oak Grove Park 690 NE 159 Street Miami, FL 33162</td></tr></table>	<b><u>Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Main Library 101 W Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130	<b><u>Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.</u></b> North Dade Regional Library 2455 NW 183 Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056	<b><u>Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Westchester Regional Library 9445 Coral Way Miami, FL 33165	<b><u>Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Arcola Lakes Senior Center 8240 NW 7 Avenue Miami, FL 33150	<b><u>Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Dennis Moss Center 10950 SW 211 Street Cutler Bay, FL 33189	<b><u>Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.</u></b> Oak Grove Park 690 NE 159 Street Miami, FL 33162	
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Presentation: <i>Partnering for Progress: Advancing Age-Friendly Miami-Dade Together</i>	<p>EIC member and partner, by Nattaliah Earle, MS, Collective Impact Manager &amp; Miami-Dade County Age-Friendly Initiative Program Manager at Urban Health Partnerships, Inc. gave a 15-minute presentation, <i>Partnering for Progress: Advancing Age-Friendly Miami-Dade Together</i>. The Miami-Dade County Age-Friendly Initiative (MDAFI) operates to ensure the livability of all people as they grow in age in the county. The initiative was formed 13 years ago in 2012 with grants, support and collaborative effort of partners, such as AARP, Alliance for Aging, Health Foundation of Florida, Florida Dept. of Health, United Way Miami, Urban Health Partnerships, and Miami-Dade County (a.k.a., lead agencies). In addition to our lead agency partners, the MDAFI includes funders, multi-sector organizations that make up our stakeholders advisory group and actual older adult advocates who make up a separate advisory committee.</p> <p>These trusted partners help us champion livability with a commitment and strong communication. We've been able to build a foundation for collective impact that has led to policy systems and environmental change solutions.</p> <p>Across the county. Learn more about MDAFI online at</p>	Action Item(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Email your suggestion(s) for future Elder Issues Committee meeting presentations to: <a href="mailto:DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org">DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org</a>, <a href="mailto:Nattaliah@urbanhp.org">Nattaliah@urbanhp.org</a>, &amp; <a href="mailto:Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov">Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov</a>.</li></ul>						

	<a href="https://agefriendlymiami.org/about/">https://agefriendlymiami.org/about/</a> . Learn more about the MDAFI 2025-2030 Action Plan at <a href="https://agefriendlymiami.org/actionplan/">https://agefriendlymiami.org/actionplan/</a> . To contact Nattaliah Earle, please call 786-412-0469, or email <a href="mailto:nattaliah@urbanhp.org">nattaliah@urbanhp.org</a> . With the consent of the presenter, a follow-up email was sent to all EIC members on 8/5/25 after the meeting with the presenter's contact information, and presentation slides.	
Performance Measures in Need of Improvement (Work Plan Review)	<p>Chair, Dennise N. led discussion on the following in the EIC Work Plan 2019-2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity under <i>Injury, Safety and Violence</i>, p. 17, related to ...<i>support the work of the Age-Friendly Initiative</i>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Today's presentation on Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative (MDAFI) is a reportable activity for this measure.</li> <li>Connect with MDAFI by sending an email to Nattaliah Earle, <a href="mailto:Nattaliah@urbanhp.org">Nattaliah@urbanhp.org</a>.</li> <li>Learn more about the MDAFI at <a href="https://agefriendlymiami.org/about/">https://agefriendlymiami.org/about/</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email your suggestion(s) for the next 5-year 2025-2030 Elder Issues Committee work plan to be developed later this year to: <a href="mailto:DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org">DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org</a>, <a href="mailto:Nattaliah@urbanhp.org">Nattaliah@urbanhp.org</a>, &amp; <a href="mailto:Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov">Mayra.Garcia@flhealth.gov</a>.</li> </ul>
Recognition of Improved Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 virtual attendees at monthly meeting on 6/24/2025.</li> <li><i>Brain Center Neurology Clinic and Community Programs</i> presentation at June meeting by EIC member, Griselle Solorzano.</li> </ul>	
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2025 monthly meetings (schedule changes):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person meeting on Tues., <b>August 26<sup>th</sup></b> at 2PM to be hosted at the Alliance for Aging in Doral.</li> <li>Virtual meeting on Tues., <b>September 30<sup>th</sup></b> at 2PM</li> <li><i>NEW</i> – in-person meeting on Tues., <b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b> at 2PM to be hosted at Larkin Community Hospital Palm Springs Campus in Hialeah.</li> <li><i>NEW</i> – <b>no monthly meeting in November or December.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Attendees who are not already members were encouraged to join the Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade online at <a href="http://www.healthymiamidade.org/membership">www.healthymiamidade.org/membership</a>, and/or share this invite with others who may be interested in participating.</li> </ul>	
Partner Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dennise Nicola, Director of Business Development, FL PACE Centers at Miami Jewish Health; <a href="mailto:DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org">DNicola@miamijewishhealth.org</a>, 786-661-5644.</li> </ul>	<p>Action Item(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade is a collaboration</li> </ul>

- Nattaliah Earle, Collective Impact Manager, Urban Health Partnerships (UHP), [nattaliah@urbanhp.org](mailto:nattaliah@urbanhp.org), 786-412-0469.
- Witson Faustin, Health Services Representative, Florida Dept. of Health in Miami-Dade, Office of Community Health & Planning; [Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov](mailto:Witson.Faustin2@flhealth.gov).
- Irenaida Diaz, Advocacy Network on Disabilities, [idiaz@advocacynetwork.org](mailto:idiaz@advocacynetwork.org), 904-309-1911.
- Rob Collins, Esq., Education & Outreach Coordinator, Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE), Inc.-*We fight housing discrimination*; [rob@hopefhc.com](mailto:rob@hopefhc.com), 305-651-HOPE (4673).
- Brenda Lampon, Office of the Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, 305-458-1365, [Brenda.Lampon@miamidade.gov](mailto:Brenda.Lampon@miamidade.gov).
- Dianna "DI" Valenzuela, PPL-Public Partnerships, Community Liaison-State of Florida, [Dvalenzuela@pplfirst.com](mailto:Dvalenzuela@pplfirst.com), 786-697-1227; We support Medicaid long-term care participants who wish to self-direct their home care; shared invite to upcoming Participant-Directed Option (PDO) free informational webinars to learn how self-direction is available through Florida's Medicaid Long-Term Care: Webinar Registration Links: <https://lnkd.in/eauSEdPA>  
Tuesday, July 29 at 9 am ET: <https://lnkd.in/eFQaTueV>  
Wednesday, July 30 at 3 pm ET: <https://lnkd.in/e5d8pXnc>  
Wednesday, August 13 at 11 am ET: <https://lnkd.in/eYxTYTNJ>  
Thursday, August 14 at 11 am ET: <https://lnkd.in/eQZMk8-P>.
- Vanessa Garcia Azzam, Program Director, Miami-Dade County Elder Affairs Advisory Board; [vanessa.azzam@miamidade.gov](mailto:vanessa.azzam@miamidade.gov).
- Kathy Sarmiento, Alliance for Aging SHINE Medicare Counseling/Senior Medicare Patrol Liaison; 305-606-8382, [sarmientok@allianceforaging.org](mailto:sarmientok@allianceforaging.org); 305-671-6356; SHINE Counseling Sites: <https://www.floridashine.org/Counseling-Sites/Dade.aspx>.

between the Florida Department of Health and community partners/organizations promoting health in Miami-Dade County; register to become a member for free online:  
<https://www.healthymiamidade.org/membership/>.

- EIC members who are subject matter specialists in healthy lifestyles and health promoting topics for older adult population are asked to volunteer to submit written article and/or social media postings for **2025** calendar year; please confirm your interest, topic suggestions via email to liaison: [Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov](mailto:Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov).  
Written submissions are *due by 15<sup>th</sup> of month prior* to publish month.



- Olivia DeCastro CCHW, CTTS, Health Services Representative, Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, Office of Community Health and Planning, [olivia.decastro@flhealth.gov](mailto:olivia.decastro@flhealth.gov), 786-732-8860.
- Martine Charles, Director Planning and Population Health, Alliance for Aging, Inc., [charlesm@allianceforaging.org](mailto:charlesm@allianceforaging.org); for information about older adult programs, email [Programs@AllianceforAging.org](mailto:Programs@AllianceforAging.org).
- Marla Cocalis, Program Manager, StudentsCare, [Marla@students-care.org](mailto:Marla@students-care.org); We match college students with isolated seniors at facilities, 773-573-7328.
- Frances Garcia, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Dept., Community Assistance/Elder Links Coordinator; [garciaf@miamidade.gov](mailto:garciaf@miamidade.gov); Fire Rescue Community Outreach website:  
[https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1526412171787244](https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1526412171787244).
- Louisenie Remy, Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center, [Louisenie.remy@jhs-miami.org](mailto:Louisenie.remy@jhs-miami.org); they have support groups and outreach education on sexual assault prevention; call the Helpline for more information: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [305-585-RAPE \(7273\)](tel:305-585-7273).
- Natalia Shtompel, PhD, LCSW, Associate Professor & Doctoral Program Director, Barry University School of Mental Health and Social Work, [nshtompel@barry.edu](mailto:nshtompel@barry.edu).
- Lilliana Rey, Senior Medicare Patrol Specialist, Alliance for Aging, Inc., 305-786-1947, 305-670-6500 x11268, [ReyL@AllianceForAging.org](mailto:ReyL@AllianceForAging.org).
- Fabimaelsie Jean, Service Coordinator, Deedco Gardens, Homestead, [fabimaelsie.jean@spm.net](mailto:fabimaelsie.jean@spm.net), 305-242-8866.
- Angie Fernandez, PIO Community Outreach, Office of the State Attorney K.F. Rundle; [fernang@miamisao.com](mailto:fernang@miamisao.com); 305-547-0724; [www.miamisao.com](http://www.miamisao.com).
- Jeanne Tamargo, Informed Families; [pjtamargo@informedfamilies.org](mailto:pjtamargo@informedfamilies.org), cell 305-305-1789.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayra Garcia, Community Liaison for the Elder Issues Committee (EIC)/Senior Community Health Nursing Supervisor, Office of Community Health &amp; Planning, FL Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, <a href="mailto:Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov">Mayra.Garcia@FLHealth.gov</a>.</li> <li>• Blanca Ceballos, Community Relations Manager, United HomeCare; for family caregivers in need of support; UHC is offering a 9-week Stress Busting Program for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's and related dementias, call 305-716-0710; United HomeCare is a Home Health Agency Provider for Seniors in the Medicaid LTC Plans including: Aetna/Coventry, Simply, Florida Community Care, Humana, Little Havana, Molina HealthCare, Sunshine Health Plan and United Health Care.</li> <li>• Carmen Ramos-Watson, Founder/-CEO, B/Adaptable Labs, 202-413-8899, <a href="mailto:carmen@b-adaptable.com">carmen@b-adaptable.com</a>.</li> <li>• Jennifer De Gruccio, Community Education &amp; Outreach Manager, Florida, Parkinson's Foundation Florida Chapter; <a href="mailto:jdegruccio@parkinson.org">jdegruccio@parkinson.org</a>.</li> <li>• Melody Velez, Sr. Community Outreach, United Healthcare; <a href="mailto:melody.velez@uhc.com">melody.velez@uhc.com</a>.</li> <li>• Marjorie York, Community Action Agency.</li> </ul>	
Adjournment	Chair, Dennise N. adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM.	
Next Meeting	The next Elder Issues Committee meeting is planned as an in-person (with virtual join meeting option) on <b>Tuesday, August 26, 2025</b> , at <b>2:00 PM</b> to be hosted by EIC members, Lilliana Rey and Kathleen Sarmiento at <b>Alliance for Aging, Inc.</b> , located at 760 NW 107 Avenue, Suite 112 Large Conference Room, Miami, FL 33172.	