

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 09, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Betty Beeler  
Miriam Benitez-Nixon  
Sue Castonguay  
Louise Dolsay via Conference Phone  
Barb Epstein  
Mike Estigo  
Samantha Fenger via Conference Phone  
Nancy Giles  
Kerry Kinball Marsalek via Conference Phone  
Paul McClintock  
Jodi Vosburgh  
Lenny Waugh  
Becky Yackel via Conference Phone

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Susannah Caum  
Julie Hale  
Carole McLeod  
Linda Patterson

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Tawnya Martino, AAAPP  
Jason Martino, AAAPP  
Beverly Burton, AAAPP  
Helen King, AAAPP  
Mike Isaacson, AAAPP

**Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Introductions**

Paul McClintock, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM at the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco Pinellas conference room. All present introduced themselves.

**Agenda Item #2 Approval of November 14, 2016 Minutes**

It was moved by Nancy Giles and seconded by Mike Estigo to approve the November 14, 2016 meeting minutes, motion carried.

**Agenda Item #3 Nominating Committee Report**

Helen King, Deputy Director presented the report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Helen indicated that the vacancy left by Betty Hayward still existed. Both Jason Martino of the AAAPP and Miriam Benitez-Nixon on the Nominating Committee had "leads" in which they were following up. Linda Patterson of the VA resigned her position on 12/31/16 but provided the name of another VA representative to fill her vacancy. Jodi Vosburgh was appointed effective 1/1/2017 and she was welcomed at this meeting. Jodi provided a brief introduction of her background and position with the VA.

**Agenda Item #4 Legislative Priorities**

Mike Isaacson, Executive Director, reported that the ADRC Helpline continues to see an increased workload of calls for the Medicaid Managed Care Program and no increase in revenue to support that

workload. Mike pointed out that the return on investment to taxpayers is substantial, comparing home care cost to nursing home cost. The Legislature is setting a goal of reducing the state budget by 2 billion. One change that has taken place with the ADRC is they will now be letting people know their at-risk score as well as where they are on the waiting list, which in turn will create more call backs. The ADRC will be getting a formatted letter from DOEA to send out to clients explaining the process. Mike announced his decision to resign from PSA5 as a result of some personal (family) things not falling into place as expected. Mike spoke very highly of the AAAPP and its staff stating that everyone has been fantastic. He has a lot of faith and confidence that the agency is meant to do great things and continue its good work and go even further. Mike thanked everyone and apologized for creating any confusion. Helen concluded that everyone should have gotten an e-mail regarding the Florida Council on Aging (FCOA) / Area Agency Legislative event on January 26, 2017. FCOA will be letting people know who to contact and what to concentrate on, so if anyone is interested in attending, it will be held here at the AAAPP conference room.

**Agenda Item #5            AAAPP Mission Statement**

Mike reported that the AAAPP is working on updating their mission statement, as the agency has gone through a lot of change. A meeting was held and there was a lot of great feedback and input from the staff and team who were involved. Mike put out a list of suggestions that was received from the mission team based on that meeting. The list will be presented to the Board so as to finalize it and move forward so that we can have something that is more reflective of the expanded role of the agency today and the message we want convey in the community of what it is that we do. Mike thanked Nancy Giles for her participation in the mission team.

**Agenda Item #6            Programmatic Monitoring Schedule**

Tawnya Martino, Director of Program Accountability, presented the 2017 Program Monitoring Schedule, stating that the AAAPP contracts with providers in the community to provide services through all of our various funding sources such as, CCE, HCE, ADI, etc. When monitoring, some of the things that staff look at is to ensure contract compliance like, policies and procedures, budget management, CIRTS, and training. Tawnya asked if anyone from the Advisory Council is interested in accompanying any staff during their monitoring visit on any of the dates scheduled, just let her know and she will coordinate it.

**Agenda Item #7            Client Scenario**

Beverly Burton, ADRC Director, gave 2 client scenarios of clients on the waiting list with very similar issues but with 2 very different outcomes. Both clients have arthritis, both are post stroke, both have COPD, both have renal failure, both experience dizziness and fall risk, and yet their capacity for self-care when screened was very different. The first client is 77, and in addition to the diagnosis that was given, she also has Pick's Disease, which is a form of Alzheimer's, as well as short term memory loss, back pain and sciatica nerve pain, which makes her Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) very difficult. She needs help with heavy housework, light housekeeping and shopping. She lives alone, receives \$920 a month, gets food stamps, and has no assets, so she doesn't have the resources to meet her needs for housekeeping and shopping. The second client is 83, has an income of about \$1,700 a month, has \$37,000 in assets, and has a caregiver. His ability to care for himself is quite different. He can't bath himself or dress himself, he needs supervision with eating, going to the bathroom and walking, as well as help with care of the household. His caregiver is also ill and is unable to continue providing the level of care she has been providing. According to the score prioritization, neither of these clients are eligible to receive services from the State funded or Medicaid funded programs. On a scale of 1 – 5, they are 2's and 3's and not a 5, and it's the 5's that have no help and are eminently going into a nursing home.

**Agenda Item #8            Board of Director's Minutes**

Helen King, Deputy Director, presented the October 17, 2016 Board of Director's meeting minutes. Helen reported that Mike Isaacson made a change to the Board of Director's Agenda on items that don't require a lot of discussion to a "Consent Agenda" starting today.

**Agenda Item #9            Announcements**

- The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on March 13, 2017 at the Aging Well Center in Clearwater.
- The annual luncheon will be on April 21, 2017 at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.
- On behalf of Kerry Marsalek, Helen announced that Kerry, who is an AAAPP Advisory Council member, was appointed to DOEA's Advisory Council early this month. Charlie Robinson, who is on our Board of Directors, was the PSA5 person for a number of years, has finished his term and now Kerry has been appointed in his place.
- Sue Castonguay announced that they received an \$800 grant from Senior Citizen Services and they will be using that money for a jewelry making class.
- Nancy Giles announced that they will be having their first Heaven Dropt fundraiser on February 24, 2017 at the Bayou Club; fundraiser name is "Heaven Dropt Honors Angels of the Sky". Nancy is looking for paratroopers, so if anyone has a family member or someone you know that is a paratrooper, they would like to honor them at the fundraiser. They will also be honoring Andrew Hines who was a prisoner of war that jumped out of his plane with a parachute over Germany. He came back to the US and founded Progress Energy. He is now in his 90's. His family is going to do a presentation in his honor.
- Jason will be taking a group photo of the Advisory Council in the lobby.
- Mike announced that Helen was voted to be the Interim Executive Director until a permanent Director is found.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

(Minutes transcribed by Katherine Thomley)