

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beth Aker – via Conference Phone
Betty Beeler – via Conference Phone
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Anne Corona
Barb Epstein
Mike Estigo
Lori Felber – via Conference Phone
Nancy Giles – via Conference Phone
Kerry Kimball Marsalek – via Conference Phone
Lenny Waugh
Lena Wilfalk
Becky Yackel – via Conference Phone

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sue Castonguay
Louise Dolsay
Samantha Fenger
Sharon Lena
Carole McLeod
Jodi Vosburgh

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP
Jason Martino, AAAPP
Tawnya Martino, AAAPP
Dijana Radak, AAAPP
Katherine Thomley, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Mike Estigo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM at the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco Pinellas conference room. All present introduced themselves. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2 Consent Agenda

Mr. Estigo presented the March 19, 2018 Board of Directors meeting minutes and the March 12, 2018 Advisory Council meeting minutes for approval. It was moved by Anne Corona and seconded by Barb Epstein to approve both the Board of Directors and Advisory Council meeting minutes. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #3 Guest Speaker

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, AAAPP, introduced Dr. Carmena Farulla, Chief Geriatric and Extended Care Services at Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and Ms. Krystal James. Dr. Farulla gave a power point presentation on non-institutional care services offered to senior and disabled Veterans in Pinellas County. Ms. James went over the available services that are provided in the geriatric area of Bay Pines: Homemaker / Home Health Aid; In Home Respite Program; Community Adult Day Health Care Program; Medical Foster Home Program. There were a few questions and comments to which Ms. James and Dr. Farulla addressed. Dijana Radak, VA Budget Program Analyst, AAAPP, explained the services that are offered to Veterans through the AAAPP.

Agenda Item #4 Nominating Committee Report

Ms. Winter presented the Membership and Nominating Committee meeting Minutes from the meeting that was held on April 17, 2018 at the AAAPP. Two applications were reviewed for the Pinellas County position on the Advisory Council. It was determined that Ms. Mary Haddon Doyle would be best qualified for the position replacing Ms. Carole McCleod. It was moved by Ms. Anne Corona and seconded by Ms. Barb Epstein to approve and accept Ms. Mary Haddon Doyle to the Advisory Council. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 Contract Review Process-State General Revenue Programs FY 2018-2019

Ms. Tawnya Martino, Director of Program Accountability, AAAPP, presented the timetable for the Contract Review Process for the State General Revenue Programs: Community Care for the Elderly; Alzheimer Disease Initiative; Home Care for the Elderly. Continuing applications for our Lead Agencies for Pasco and Pinellas Counties were due on April 03, 2018. The two applicants waiting for approval are Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services for Pinellas County and Community Aging and Retirement Services for Pasco County.

Agenda Item #6 Contract Review Process-Older Americans Act (OAA) and Local Service Programs (LSP) Funded Services for Contract Year 2019

Ms. Martino presented the timetable for the Contract Review Process for Older Americans Act and Local Service Programs, as well as the proposed Allocations for 2019. Continuing applications are due June 29, 2018 for contract year 2019. It was moved by Ms. Miriam Benitez-Nixon and seconded by Mr. Lenny Waugh to approve and take to the Board of Directors. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 Mission Statement AD HOC Committee

Ms. Winter presented the proposed Mission Statement for approval. Ms. Winter stated that the proposed Mission Statement has already gone before the Board and been approved and she is asking that the Advisory Council recommend a motion to approve the Mission Statement as already approved by the Board of Directors. It was moved by Ms. Kerry Marsalek and seconded by Ms. Lena Wilfalk to approve the proposed Mission Statement. Advisory Member Ms. Mariam Benitez-Nixon and Ms. Barb Epstein abstained. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #8 Report on Statewide DOEA Advisory Council

Ms. Kerry Marsalek reported on the Statewide Department of Elder Affairs Advisory Council meeting that was held on May 14, 2018 by teleconference. There were three main topics of discussion: The upcoming DOEA Regional Disaster Preparedness Forum which will bring some changes to Chapter 8 of the DOEA handbook; A new initiative by the Governor called the 12 County Initiative through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity with the goal to improve economic outcomes; Sharing Symposium overview that was held through DOEA and AARP to discuss Age-Friendly Communities.

Agenda Item #9 Older Americans Month 2018

Mr. Jason Martino, Director of Planning, AAAPP, announced the theme for Older Americans Month this year is "Engage at Every Age." Mr. Martino stated that as an Area Agency on Aging, we request that the different Municipalities or Counties prepare a Proclamation befitting the theme in recognition of our seniors within their community and send them to us so that we can proudly display them at our agency. Mr. Martino also reported that the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas with Pinellas County will be holding a Convening at Enoch D. Davis Center along with several invested partners within the community to discuss senior hunger, identify what that means to each of the partners, look at ways to leverage resources to serve a common goal, as well as look at different projects to take on that can help alleviate senior hunger. There were a few questions to which Mr. Martino and Ms. Winter addressed.

Agenda Item #10 Annual Luncheon Debrief

Ms. Winter announced that there were 207 attendees at the Annual Luncheon, 230 registrants, and 27 sponsors. Ms. Winter thanked everyone who came to the luncheon and for their support. Ms. Winter presented two videos centered on clients in Pasco and Pinellas County. Ms. Winter stated that Mr. Martino, along with Pinellas County and Pasco County Communications worked hard on the videos, as well as many staff who were also involved.

Agenda Item #11 Announcements

BLS Falls Prevention Play "Denying Gravity" will be held on June 02, 2018 at the Dunedin Community Center - 1920 Pinehurst Rd in Dunedin.

The next Advisory Council Meeting will be held on July 09, 2018 at the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas conference room.

DOEA will be monitoring the AAAPP the week of September 24, 2018.

Ms. Sharon Lena, Vice Chair, submitted her resignation. Chair Estigo asked if anyone from Pasco County would be interested in the Vice Chair position and Ms. Beth Aker expressed her interest. It was moved by Barb Epstein and seconded by Miriam Benitez-Nixon to approve Ms. Aker as Vice Chair. None opposed, Motion Carried. There is now a vacancy available for Ms. Lena's position on the Advisory Council. Ms. Lori Felber said she would reach out to some of her medical professionals to see if they might be interested.

There was a question regarding meetings to be held further north every other meeting to which Ms. Winter replied that she would check with the Hale Center in Dunedin.

Ms. Winter reported that the Board has approved a Strategic Planning process and has invited 2 Advisory Council members to participate; Ms. Kerry Marsalek and Ms. Anne Corona.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

(Minutes transcribed by Katherine Thomley)