

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2019**

**Agenda Item # 3 C
05-13-19**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beth Aker
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Barbara Epstein
Mike Estigo
Lori Felber via Conference Phone
Mary Haddon Doyle
Kerry Kimball Marsalek
Jodi Vosburgh
Lenny Waugh
Lena Wilfalk
Rebecca Yackel
Stephanie Doran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Betty Beeler
Suzanne Castonguay
Kathleen Winters
Valerie Anderson
Commissioner Samantha Fenger
Nancy Giles

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP
Bonnie Hough, AAAPP
Jason Martino, AAAPP
Wendy Arroyo, AAAPP
Paul McClintock, AAAPP, BOD
Katherine Thomley, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Mike Estigo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging conference room. All present introduced themselves, including new member, Stephanie Doran who was welcomed by the Council.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Mr. Jason Martino, Director of Planning, called the roll. A quorum of Advisory Council members was present.

Agenda Item #3 Consent Agenda

Mr. Mike Estigo presented the January 14, 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes, and the January 14, 2019 Advisory Council meeting minutes for approval. It was moved by Ms. Miriam Benitez-Nixon and seconded by Ms. Lena Wilfalk to approve the Board of Directors and Advisory Council meeting minutes. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Kerry Kimball Marsalek, presented the Strategic Plan update, stating that a lot of time and effort went into creating the Strategic Plan. Many of the Board of Directors have taken one of the strategies that is of

interest to them and committed time to it, and they are listed as the Champion for that item. Ms. Marsalek stated that everyone's expertise and wisdom is important and needed as we move forward and Advisory Council members are encouraged to look at the Strategies and see if there is something of interest to them. Ms. Marsalek read over the Goals and discussed some of the Strategies associated with them. There was a question about how the community assessment survey was done and a few other comments to which Ms. Marsalek and Ms. Winter addressed.

Agenda Item #5 2019 AAAPP Annual Luncheon

Ms. Bonnie Hough, Director of Outreach, reported on the progress of the Annual Luncheon, stating that there are a very limited number of sponsorships left, and spots for exhibitors and booths are quickly filling up. If anyone is interested in sponsorship, please reach out to Ms. Hough. There will be a Meet and Greet for the Board of Directors and Advisory Council members starting at 11:00 a.m. and will last about 30 minutes. The exhibitor showcase opens up at 11:00 a.m., and the luncheon starts at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Hough distributed the luncheon signup sheet for anyone who has not sent theirs in yet. On the form you can select your meal choice and how many attendees will be joining you.

Agenda Item #6 Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, took a moment to thank those Advisory members who have either donated or sponsored ads for the luncheon, and to those who plan to attend, as your support is greatly appreciated. Ms. Winter reported that she has met with all members of the Pasco/Pinellas Legislative Delegations with the exception of Senator Simpson in Pasco Co., Senator Rouson, and Representative Latvala in Pinellas Co. Ms. Winter will be attending the Florida Legislative Session for Senior Day in Tallahassee with a member of the Board of Directors. Ms. Winter plans to meet with the remaining Representatives and Senators during that time. Ms. Winter asked if anyone is interested in attending any of the meetings with her, please let her know. The AAAPP and the other PSAs throughout Florida have been advocating for 4 Legislative Priorities. Priority 1: Increased Funding for Medicaid workload. Priority 2: \$9 million to help the most vulnerable seniors get off the statewide General Revenue waitlists for Community Care for the Elderly (CCE), Home Care for the Elderly (HCE), and Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI). Priority 3: \$2.5 million statewide for one additional contract manager at each PSA to provide fiscal oversight that is needed for the ADI program. Priority 4: \$4.9 million statewide in additional funding for Adult Protective Services (APS). There were a few questions to which Ms. Winter addressed. Ms. Winter reported that she has been working very closely with our local delegation on a demonstration project, along with Representative Ben Diamond, BOD Charlie Robinson, an Elder Care Attorney, and AARP State Director Jeff Johnson. They attended a meeting to discuss seniors. They shared ideas and came up with a private, public partnership of healthcare providers with the AAAPP to serve the social determinants of health of seniors. It was suggested to Representative Diamond that he sponsor a pilot project for all of Pinellas Co. that would address these kind of one time social determinant of health issues coming from doctor's offices that are not specifically related to physical health, but clearly impact physical health. A proposal was put in and it has now become a House Bill and will be in the House Budget. Senator Ed Hooper has agreed to co-sponsor this project on the Senate side. If approved by the Governor, starting July 1, 2019, there will be a County wide demonstration project to positively impact population health of seniors in Pinellas County.

Agenda Item #7 Announcements

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 18, 2019 at the AAAPP conference room at 9:30 a.m. The Annual Luncheon will be held on April 26, 2019 at the Largo Central Park Performing Arts Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Meet and Greet of the Board and Advisory will be from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on May 13, 2019 at the Dunedin Public Library at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Estigo and Ms. Winter opened a discussion regarding Article III Section 6 of the Advisory Council By-Laws. The By-Laws state that members are required to attend all regular meetings of the Advisory Council. Any member who is absent from a meeting must notify the AAAPP of the reasons for the absence. The By-Laws provide for the dismissal of a member if they have 3 un-excused absences. Mr.

Estigo stated that this involves an Advisory Council member who is a Pinellas County elected Official. Ms. Winter reported that the member has not participated in the last 8 meetings and has had excused absences for 2 of them. It was suggested by Ms. Winter that a letter be sent out to the Advisory Council member explaining the By-Laws and then give her the option of resigning with a deadline to respond. If no response is received, then the resignation will be effective as of the next Advisory Council meeting. Ms. Winter stated that it is a requirement under the Older American's Act and the DOEA handbook that the Advisory Council have an elected Official serve on the Advisory Council. Ms. Winter requested members of the Advisory Council help in locating an elected Official to fill the Pinellas position on the Council. It was moved by Beth Aker and seconded by Miriam Benitez-Nixon to send out a letter requesting the resignation of the Pinellas Advisory member. None opposed, motion carried. Ms. Miriam Benitez-Nixon reported that she volunteers for a Church at The Little Thrift Shop which operates on donations. Ms. Nixon was excited to announce that the thrift shop recently received a donation of a collar necklace, and so Ms. Nixon packaged the necklace and sent it to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wishing her a speedy recovery after a surgery she had gone through. Justice Ginsburg replied to her gift thanking her. ABC Action News called The Little Thrift Shop wanting to do an interview about the gift which will air tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #8 Adjourn

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

(Minutes transcribed by Katherine Thomley)