

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD
MARCH 11, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie Anderson-Stallworth (Chair)
City of Largo Commissioner Eric Gerard
Barbara Epstein
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Nancy Giles (Vice Chair)
Sally Marvin
Lenny Waugh
Savannah Smith
Kimberly Shaw

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Estigo
City of Seminole Councilor Thomas Barnhorn
Betty Beeler
City of New Port Richey City Councilman Peter Altman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, AAAPP
Christine Didion, Director of Program Accountability, AAAPP
Nora Fitzpatrick, Executive Assistant, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome and Introductions

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth called the meeting of March 11, 2024, to order at 1:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, called the roll. A quorum of Advisory Council members was present.

Agenda Item #3 - Consent Agenda

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth presented the Consent Agenda which included the Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024, and the AAAPP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024. There were no questions or comments. Eric Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024, Advisory Council meeting. Sally Marvin seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 - Items for Discussion from the Consent Agenda

None

Agenda Item #5 – Older Americans Act Legal Services Presentation

Noelle Polk Clark, Esq., Chief Advocacy Officer, Gulf Coast Legal Services gave a presentation about their Legal services programs funded by the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas.

Agenda Item #6 – AAAPP 2022-2025 Strategic Plan Update

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth lead a discussion about progress towards meeting the Strategic Plan goals. Ms. Anderson-Stallworth provided an update about the work of the Services Workgroup. Commissioner Eric Gerard provided an update on the Marketing Workgroup. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director provided an update on the progress of Workforce Workgroup and the Funding Workgroup.

Agenda Item #7 – 2024 50th Anniversary Celebration Update

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, provided an update on the preparation for the 50th Anniversary celebration, thanked those members who are sponsors and encouraged all to attend the event on June 7th.

Agenda Item #8 – Community Partner Grants – Housing Impact Grants

Ms. Kerry Kimball Marsalek, COO, discussed how AAAPP provided a new grant opportunity totaling \$200,000 available for award to expand affordable senior housing options in Pasco and Pinellas Counties based on the approved timeline.

Agenda Item #9 –Chairman’s Report

Chair Valerie Anderson Stallworth discussed the senior forum for residents of Florida’s 12th Congressional District, hosted by Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

Agenda Item #10 – Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Winter shared that AAAPP’s 2023 Annual Report had been published. The agency served over \$69,000 seniors in 2023. She also provided an update regarding CARES in Pasco County. Ms. Winter noted that the Florida Legislative Session ended on March 8, 2024, and shared that the DOEA will receive a \$17 million increase in reoccurring appropriations statewide. The AAAPP is expecting to receive between based on the intra-state funding formula, allowing us to serve more seniors on the waitlist.

Agenda Item #11 – Council Members Comments

None

Agenda Item #12– Announcements

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth referred the members to the upcoming meeting schedule as well as the 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 7, 2024.

Agenda Item #13 - Adjourn.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.