

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING HELD**

**March 9, 2026, IN PERSON**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

City of Seminole Councilor Thomas Barnhorn (Chair)  
Beth Aker (Vice Chair)  
Eric Gerard  
Barbara Epstein  
Michael Estigo  
Lisa Moore  
Karen Karinja  
Valerie Anderson-Stallworth  
Marci Neal

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Savannah Smith  
Miriam Benitez-Nixon  
Sheri Gruden  
Lisa Schwartz

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director  
Tawnya Martino, Director, ADCR, AAAPP  
Kerry Marsalek, Director, Healthcare and Community Innovation, AAAPP  
Christine Didion, Director, Programs, AAAPP  
McKenna O'Neill, Director, Strategic Advancement, AAAPP  
Francisco Alvarado, IT Manager, AAAPP  
Melissa Lawrence, Executive Assistant, AAAPP  
Stephanie Young, Health Wellness Coordinator, AAAPP  
Kathryn Bursch, Outreach Manager, AAAPP

**Agenda Item #1 - Welcome and Introduction**

Chair Thomas Barnhorn called the meeting of March 9, 2026 to order at 1:30 p.m.  
He 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 Thomas Barnhorn presented the Consent Agenda which included the Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026, and the AAAPP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Mike Estigo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Valerie Anderson-Stallworth second. None opposed, motion carried.

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

None

**Agenda Item #5 – OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE IIID HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM**

Ms. Stephanie Young, Health & Wellness Coordinator presented the AAAPP's Health Promotion Programs specific to the need for community-based instructors to provide health and wellness classes to seniors throughout Pasco and Pinellas Counties. Program handouts were given to the AC Council. Many questions were asked and Ms. Stephanie Young answered. *None, For information only.*

**Agenda Item #6 – OLDER AMERICANS ACT/LOCAL SERVICES PROGRAMS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONTRACT REVIEW PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS**

Christine Didion, Director, Programs shared the timetable for the Older Americans Act contract review process and all proposed allocations for FY 2027 were presented. The following OAA/LSP services will be out to bid in 2026 for FY 2027 and for a renewal period of an additional five (5) years in Pasco and Pinellas Counties: IIIB/LSP Adult Day Care, LSP Expanded Adult Day Care, IIIB/LSP Emergency Alert Response, IIIB/LSP Homemaker, IIIB/LSP Legal, IIIB/LSP Transportation, IIIC/LSP Nutrition services, IIID Enhance Fitness, IIIEG Legal. Ms. Valerie Anderson-Stallworth made a motion to approve taking to the Board of Directors for their approval. Mr. Eric Gerard seconded the motion. None opposed; motion carried.

**Agenda Item #7 – CONGRESSMAN GUS BILIRAKIS SENIOR CENTER AND HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE – PASCO COUNTY**

Kerry Marsalek, Director, Healthcare & Community Innovation shared an update on the HUD supported project. Pasco County received an additional \$4,000,000 in FY 2025 HUD EDI CPF for the project which was secured with the support of Congressman Gus Bilirakis. AAAPP and Pasco County continue advancing critical path activities for the proposed 10-acre project site located on Plathe Road in New Port Richey. Dominion provided predevelopment guidance on the Letter of Intent structure and developer procurement process consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding.

*None, For information only.*

**Agenda Item #8 CMS GUIDE PARTNER ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT WITH MOBILE PHYSICIAN SERVICES**

Kerry Marsalek, Director, Healthcare & Community Innovation, shared AAAPP will partner with Mobile Physician Services (MPS) to deliver defined non-clinical care navigation and caregiver support services under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services GUIDE Model. Under the arrangement, CMS payments flow to MPS as the Participant Organization, with AAAPP receiving an agreed upon percentage for the services provided. The partnership expands dementia care, caregiver education, and coordination services.

Many questions that Ms. Kerry Marsalek answered.

*None, For Information Only.*

**Agenda Item #9 – Development Update**

McKenna O’Neal, Director, Strategic Advancement, presented year-to-date fundraising updates and will also provided a review of upcoming development projects and the announcement of the 2026 Annual Luncheon date and venue.

*None, for information only.*

**Agenda Item #10– Executive Director’s Report**

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director provided her reflections on the State of Florida GY 2026 legislative session; shared that the EHEAP program and funding would be moving away from the Department of Elder Affairs and to the Department of Commerce. It is not known if DoC will contract with the Florida AAAs to administer the program. The impact to the agency is a loss of \$503,000 including \$50,000 in administrative funds. Ms. Winter invited Council members to attend the March 2026 AAAPP Board of Directors annual meeting and lunch, next Monday, March 16.

**Agenda Item #11 - Council Member Comments**

None

**Agenda Item #12 - Announcements**

Mr. Barnhorn went through all the meetings scheduled for the upcoming months.

**Agenda Item #13 - Adjourn**

There being no further business for discussion, Chair Thomas Barnhorn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.