

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD
JANUARY 8, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM #3A
3/11/2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie Anderson-Stallworth (Chair)
Commissioner Eric Gerard
Barbara Epstein
Michael Estigo
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Councilor Thomas Barnhorn
Nancy Giles
Sally Marvin
Betty Beeler
Jodi Vosburgh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lenny Waugh
Councilman Peter Altman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, AAAPP
Jason Martino, Director of Planning, AAAPP
Tawnya Martino, ADRC Director, AAAPP
Christine Didion, Director of Program Accountability, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome and Introductions

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth called the meeting of January 8, 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 November 13, 2023, and the AAAPP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023. There were no questions or comments. Miriam Benitez-Nixon made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023, 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 Nutrition Programs Presentation

Josephine Benson, Senior Services Manager, Pasco County Senior Services and Anita Frankhauser, Director of Nutrition, Neighborly Care Network presented information about their

Nutrition programs funded by the Older Americans Act. Mike Estigo asked a question about shelf stable meals. Staff promised to follow up and provide him with a response after the meeting.

Agenda Item #6 – Election of New Members

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth shared that the Membership and Nominating Committee met on January 3, 2024, to review the applications of Kimberly Shaw and Savannah Smith. She noted that if elected, terms for both would begin January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. Ms. Shaw previously served on the Advisory Council with distinction. There is an open seat for a member from Pasco County. Ms. Smith would replace Jodi Vosburgh who is resigning from the Advisory Council at the end of the January meeting. Commissioner Eric Gerard made a motion that Kimberly Shaw be elected to serve on the Advisory Council for the term ending December 31, 2025. Ms. Betty Beeler seconded. None opposed, motion carried. Mr. Thomas Barnhorn made a motion that Savannah Smith be elected to serve on the Advisory Council for the term ending December 31, 2025. Nancy Giles seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 – 2022-2025 AAAPP Strategic Plan Update

Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth lead a discussion about progress towards meeting the Strategic Plan goals. Anderson-Stallworth provided a housing update and discussed the housing roundtables that were held in November 2023. Commissioner Eric Gerard provided an update on the Marketing Workgroup and its work to modernize the logo and implement the use of ADA compliant fonts on the agency's website and all printed materials. The Workforce Workgroup continues to focus on salaries and the Funding Workgroup is exploring fundraising opportunities.

Agenda Item #8 – 2024 50th Anniversary Celebration

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, presented an update on the planning for the 2024 50th Anniversary Celebration in June. Chair Valerie Anderson-Stallworth reminded the Advisory Council of the importance of stewardship.

Agenda Item #9 – Acronyms

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, provided a list of commonly used acronyms within the agency.

Agenda Item #10 – Programmatic Monitoring Schedule

Ms. Christine Didion, Director of Program Accountability, presented the 2024 Programmatic Monitoring Schedule as a means to encourage members to participate based on interest and schedule. Commissioner Eric Gerard made a motion to approve the Programmatic Monitoring Schedule. Miriam Benitez-Nixon seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #11 – Older Americans Act Title IIIB – Chore Services, Pinellas County

Christine Didion, Director of Program Accountability, explained that following the attempt to competitively procure a successful organization to provide chore services in Pinellas County under the Older Americans Act funding, the AAAPP Board of Directors voted to seek a Direct Service Waiver from the Department of Elder Affairs. The Department of Elder Affairs approved

the AAAPP to provide OAA Chore Services in Pinellas County effective January 1, 2024. Utilizing existing relationships with vendors in the General Revenue programs that provide chore services, the AAAPP will be administering the program in collaboration with these vendors to provide services to clients. One additional staff person has been hired to coordinate this program. This is an information only item.

Agenda Item #12 – Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, thanked the Advisory Council for helping to fill and distribute bins for the Warm Hearts, Happy Homes project. Ms. Winter provided an update about the increase in calls to the agency’s Helpline and update about CARES in Pasco County. She shared that the Florida legislative sessions begins on January 9, 2024.

Agenda Item #13 – Council Members Comments

None

Agenda Item #14 – 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 #15 - Adjourn.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.