

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM
MAY 9, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Miriam Benitez-Nixon, (Chair)
Beth Aker
Betty Beeler
Carole Ware
Eric Gerard
Janet Hooper
Jodi Vosburgh
John Prendergast
Kimberly Shaw
Mary Haddon Doyle
Michael Estigo
Nancy Giles
Thomas Barnhorn
Valerie Anderson-Stallworth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kerry Kimball Marsalek, Vice Chair (excused)
Barbara Epstein (excused)
Lenny Waugh
Stephanie Doran (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP
Paula Moore, AAAPP
Jason Martino, AAAPP
Virginia Joseph, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome and Introductions

Chair, Miriam Benitez-Nixon called the meeting of May 9, 2022 to order at 1:30 p.m. via zoom video call.

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 Miriam Benitez-Nixon presented the Consent Agenda which included, Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2022 and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 14 and March 21, 2022. Ms. Beth Aker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thomas Barnhorn seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

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

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Advisory Council Meetings

Chair Miriam Benitez-Nixon led a discussion on the venue for Advisory Council meetings and to decide if meetings will return to an in-person format. Chair Nixon also informed that the Executive Director and herself will be absent for the July Advisory Council meeting attending a July conference. The Vice Chair will not be available for this meeting therefore made a request to cancel the July Advisory Council meeting.

Michael Estigo made a motion to cancel the July Advisory Council meeting. Ms. Beth Aker seconded. None opposed, motion was carried.

Mr. Eric Gerard made a motion to plan for a Hybrid Advisory Council Meeting in September (in-person and via zoom). Mr. Thomas Barnhorn seconded none opposed, motion was carried.

Agenda Item #6 – Contract Review Process-Older Americans Act (OAA) and Local Service Programs (LSP) Funded Services for Contract Year 2023

Ms. Kristina Jalazo, Director of Program Accountability, presented the proposed allocations and services to be funded under the Older Americans Act and LSP for the calendar year 2023 along with a review of the timetable. Ms. Jalazo informed that there were no services going out to bid for the contract period. There was a question on the amount for mental health services. This was addressed by Ms. Jalazo. There being no other question nor comments. Ms. Valerie Anderson Stallworth made a motion to approve the Proposed Allocations and OAA Timetable. Mr. Thomas Barnhorn seconded. None opposed, the motion was carried.

Agenda Item #7 – Older Americans Month 2022

Mr. Jason Martino, Director of Planning presented on the theme for Older Americans Month which is observed every year in the month of May 2022. This year's theme is "**Age My Way**" focusing on aging in place - how older adults can plan to stay in their homes and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. AAAPP reflects this event by requests for proclamations. Proclamations were received from many municipalities in support of Older Americans Month. For information only not action necessary.

Agenda Item #8 – OAA Title IIID – Health & Wellness

Mr. Jason Martino, Director of Planning presented on AAAPP's request for a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address spending issues, CARES, Inc. elected to cease providing OAA IIID Health and Wellness services as of March 31st, 2022. In consultation with AAAPP Legal Counsel and the Department of Elder Affairs, the AAAPP pursued a Direct Service Waiver to continue providing Evidenced Based Health and Wellness Services to seniors in Pinellas and Pasco counties. For information only, no action necessary.

Agenda Item #9 - Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported on the following: the introduction of the new software database eCIRTS which had an impact on the Helpline, now at 3 business days from 33 business days behind, new staff, incentives to motivate staff. Legislative session has ended – legislature increased general revenue funding for DEOA state funded programs for case aid, case management and ADI and HCE by twenty million dollars statewide; Advocating for OAA programs funded by federal government; AAAPP 2021 Annual Report finalized.

Agenda Item #10 - Announcements

Chair Nixon announced that the AAAPP Board of Directors Annual Meeting, will be held on May 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday September 12, 2022 in person and via zoom.

Agenda Item #11 - Adjourn

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.