AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM
JANUARY 10, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Miriam Benitez-Nixon, (Chair)
Kerry Kimball Marsalek, (Vice Chair)
Barbara Epstein
Beth Aker
Betty Beeler
Carole Ware
Eric Gerard
Janet Hooper
Jodi Vosburgh
John Prendergast
Lenny Waugh
Mary Haddon Doyle
Michael Estigo
Nancy Giles
Stephanie Doran
Thomas Barnhorn

MEMBERS ABSENT:
None

OTHERS PRESENT:
Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP
Kristina Jalazo, AAAPP
Jason Martino, AAAPP

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome and Introductions
Chair, Miriam Benitez-Nixon called the meeting of January 10, 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 November 8, 2021 and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of October 18,
2021. Mr. Michael Estigo informed that his absence for the November 8, 2021 meeting, the
minutes should read that his absence was excused. This was noted. There being no other
comments. Ms. Stephanie Doran made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Beth
Aker seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 - Items for Discussion from the Consent Agenda
None.
Agenda Item #5 – Advisory Council Nominating Committee
Chair Miriam Benitez-Nixon reported that the Advisory Council Nominating Committee met on
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 and reviewed applications it had received for the open position
representing Pasco County. With there being more than one open seat for Pasco County on the
Advisory Council the Nominating Committee made a motion to recommend that the two
candidates Valerie Anderson Stallworth and Kimberly Shaw be presented to the Advisory Council
for approval with terms 2022- 2023. Mr. Michael Estigo made a motion to approve the
recommendation presented by the Nominating Committee. Ms. Janet Hooper seconded. None
opposed, the motion was carried.

Agenda Item #6 – 2022 Strategic Planning Process
Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director presented on the timeline of the 2022 Strategic Planning
process and sought the Advisory Council’s input on potential goals to be included in the new plan.

Agenda Item #7 – Programmatic Monitoring Schedule
Ms. Kristina Jalazo, Director of Program Accountability presented the 2022 Programmatic
Monitoring Schedule as a means to encourage Advisory Council Members’ participation based
on their interest and schedule. Ms. Janet Hooper made a motion to approve the 2022
Programmatic Monitoring Schedule. Ms. Stephanie Doran seconded. None opposed, motion
carried.

Agenda Item #8 – Savvy Caregiver Evidence Based Program
Mr. Jason Martino, Director of Planning presented a summary on the Savvy Caregiver
Evidenced Based Program and highlighted the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
intention for direct service delivery in Pasco and Pinellas Counties during CY2022.
For information only, no action necessary.

Agenda Item #9 - Executive Director’s Report
The Executive Director gave a summary on the following: RING/Doorbell installation and monthly
subscription for the life of the product are free to the agency and the seniors we serve. RING has
also pledged a $20,000 donation to the agency. Thank you to Congressman Bilirakis and his staff
for making us aware of this opportunity. We had a successful launch event on December 11 with
Sallie Parks speaking on behalf of the AAAPP Board of Directors and Congressman Gus Bilirakis
also attended and spoke about the importance of keeping seniors safe in their homes. Thanks to
the Board and Advisory Council members who were able to attend; Governor DeSantis has
appointed Michelle Branham as the new DOEA Secretary following the retirement of Richard
Prudom. Secretary Branham was most recently the VP Public Policy for the Florida chapter of the
Alzheimer’s Association. A new DOEA Chief of Staff has also been named; Work on new strategic
plan for the Agency (2022-2025) beginning with a SWOT analysis, contracted Nina Berkheiser to
facilitate the strategic plan process.

Agenda Item #10 – Council Members Comments
None.

Agenda Item #11 - Announcements
Chair Nixon announced that the next AAAPP Board of Directors Meeting, will be held on
February 14, 2022, via Teams at 9:30 a.m. and the next Advisory Council meeting will be held
on March 14, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Agenda Item #12 - Adjourn
There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.