

**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 Mach 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.