



**OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN
TRANSITION HEALTH COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ELDERCARE
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 12, 2023
5:00 – 6:30 PM**

Committee Members

PRESENT:

Carolyn McClanahan, M.D. – Health
Committee Chair
Sunil Joshi, M.D. – Chief Health Officer
Tom Peters
Susanna Barton
Tameka Gaines-Holly
Hermione Walker

Lynn Sherman – Exec. Dir. of Health
Programs

Carol Neil
Allison Bartfield
Kenyatta Lee
Teresa Barton

COJ Staff Support:

James Richardson
Trisha Bowles

Guests Present:

Call to Order

Dr. McClanahan called the meeting to order at 5 pm welcoming members and guests.

Chair's remarks

Dr. McClanahan shared background on how the transition committees are envisioned to work. She asked members to introduce themselves and share any insights that they had around the discussion topics.

Logistics / Sunshine Law

James Richardson introduced himself as the staff support to the committees. He would be the main point of contact. Trisha Bowles, Office of General Counsel. Provided some information concerning Sunshine Law and how the committee members could communicate with each other. They both shared the Sharepoint site information that had been established for the health committees and provided directions on how they were to be used.

Discussion Topics:

- **Status of Eldercare in Duval County**
 - **How it is Being Addressed**
 - **Challenges the Organizations Face**
 - **Challenges the Beneficiaries Face**
- **Recommendations to Eldercare**

Committee members shared information they had about what services were being provided, and the challenges they saw. There was much discussion about transportation and how it is a challenge. The fact that caregiving was hard and stressful was discussed heavily. There is a strong need for information to go to them before a crisis. Finding out what is available and where there are gaps was a discussion point. The need for a survey was discussed. "Aunt Bertha" was discussed as a model for a database that could be used. Also "FindHelp.org" and "Unite Us" were others. It was discussed that primary care providers could be a valued partner in suggesting and connecting to services if they had access to such databases and training in how to use them.

Among recommendations for the Mayor:

- Create a centralized database of resources
- Higher visibility of resources available (Marketing)
- Adding eldercare as a focus/addition to existing programs within COJ
- Create a collaborative environment where evidence based best practices are discussed
- Adopt age friendly wording/terminology
- Rideshares for elders

James shared that he would communicate the next meeting and location as soon as he could arrange the logistics.

Comments from the Public

None