

Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

Action Packet

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM 12 HOB

Steve Crisafulli Speaker Gayle B. Harrell Chair

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

1/7/2015 1:30:00PM

Location: 12 HOB

Summary: No Bills Considered

Committee meeting was reported out: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 4:22:18PM

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Attendance:

	Present	Absent	Excused
Gayle Harrell (Chair)	X		
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X		
Bill Hager	X		
Travis Hutson	×		
MaryLynn Magar	X		
Amanda Murphy	X		
Jeanette Nuñez	×		
Kathleen Peters	×		
Sharon Pritchett	X		
Ray Rodrigues	x		
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	X		
Victor Torres, Jr.	X		
Carlos Trujillo	X	······································	
Totals:	13	0	0

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Presentation/Workshop/Other Business Appearances:

Linton, Deborah (Lobbyist) (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only Arc of Florida, Inc., The Chief Executive Officer 2898 Mahan Dr., Ste. 1 Tallahassee FL 32308 Phone: (850) 921-0460

Baldino, Mark - Information Only Elder Care Services, Inc. President & CEO 2518 W. Tennessee St. Tallahassee FL 32304 Phone: (850) 245-5930

Overview of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities Palmer, Barbara (Lobbyist) (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only Agency for Persons with Disabilities Director 4030 Esplanade Way, Ste. 380N Tallahassee FL 32399 Phone: (850) 488-1559

Overview of the Department of Elder Affairs Verghese, Samuel (Lobbyist) (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only Department of Elder Affairs Secretary 4040 Esplanade Way Tallahassee FL 32399 Phone: (850) 414-2039



Improving the Quality of Life for Seniors

Our Mission

The Mission of Elder Care Services is to Improve the Quality of Life for Seniors.

Our Clients

- We have a total of 574 clients:
 - o Many of our clients have dementia, have no relatives and live alone
 - o Ages range from 25-98 years old
 - o Our long term care clients include 329 females and 164 males
 - o Approximately 500 are long term care clients
 - o Approximately 186 are long term care clients who live at home
 - o Approximately 300 clients live in nursing homes
 - o 62 are general revenue clients

Our Goals

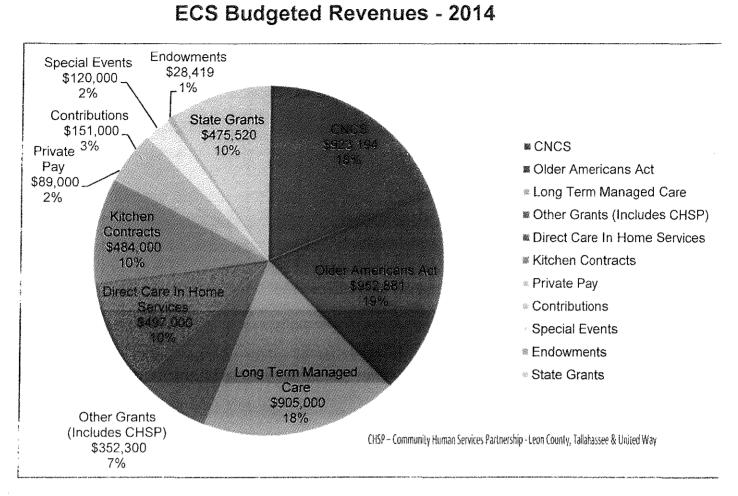
- Keep seniors safe in their home
- Eliminate/ prolong seniors being placed in a nursing homes
- Seniors in our care are at great risk for being exploited and abused.
- Every year, we help our clients get recertified. We also work with clients who accidentally disenroll because we do case management.

Our Challenges

- Our senior clients live alone
- They often have no family
- Have an elderly care giver
- Struggle with disabilities
- Struggle with serious medical issues
- Seniors have trouble navigating the health care system without our help

Our Relationship with the Area Agencies on Aging

- We have a longstanding collaborative relationship with the Area Agencies on Aging. We work together to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of services within the aging network.
- We re-apply every six years for the lead bid under the AAAs. As the lead agency, we plan and service needs within our region, contracts, quality assurance, etc.
- We work together—AAA manages a waiting list of eligible clients for us to serve.
- As the Lead Agency that works with AAAs, we help bridge the gap with seniors by managing the client's care plan and ensure their needs are met.
- Elder Care Services can do more for clients because of additional self-generated funds.
- AAAs do not provide 'core services' (home and community care) per Chapter 430 Florida statutes.
- Our clients have developed relationships with case managers and see them as family.
- We are an invaluable bridge for our seniors regarding Medicaid long term care.



ECS Budgeted Expenses – 2014

