



Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

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Subject:

Approval, Re: The Brevard Commission on Aging Amended Resolution and Sunset Date Extension

Fiscal Impact:

FY 22/23-There will be no additional impact to the General Fund. Staffing support for the Brevard Commission on Aging equates to approximately \$2,600 per year (for direct Committee support) and has already been budgeted.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to execute a revised resolution for the Brevard Commission on Aging and extend their sunset date to September 30, 2027.

Summary Explanation and Background:

According to the United States Census, Brevard County is home to one of the oldest populations in the state of Florida. This presents unique challenges and opportunities within the County across a broad spectrum of areas (social, health, construction, recreation, advocacy, etc.). The Brevard Commission on Aging was established to address the on-going needs of our aging population through a collaborative, coordinated effort among the public and private sector, as well as interested citizens.

The Commission on Aging enjoys a wide-array of participation from many organizations, which share the belief that planning for the aging population is necessary to ensure their quality of life. This reduces costs for the resident, their families, and the County.

The Commission on Aging's responsibilities include: identifying the changing needs, issues, concerns and trends of our aging population in Brevard, identify resources, making recommendations (local, State and Federal), and seeking resources to enhance (or create) services. There is no other local organized effort or plan to coordinate and provide services, which also addresses the current and projected impact of the aging population in Brevard County.

There is much work to be completed on issues ranging from respite care to mobility / independence and mental health. This revised Resolution creates a sunset date of September 30, 2027, and revises Section 2 (Advisory Board) to reflect the Commission on Aging's continued planning and coordination efforts. The BCOA unanimously approved this resolution changes at their June 9, 2022 meeting.

Revisions to Section 2:

- The Florida Department of Elder Affairs has discontinued the Elder Falls Prevention Statewide Coalition. Therefore, this representative will be designated by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs

directly.

- There are multiple agencies representing the interests of Brevard County's veteran population and at the same time there has been an increase in fraud scams targeting the elderly and an increase in those seeking aid/information from the State Attorney's Office. Therefore, the representative of Brevard County's Veterans has been changed to a representative from the State Attorney's Office for District 18.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None