

## **Florida Elder Justice Conference Agenda**

### **Thursday April 11**

1:00 - 2:00 pm

#### **Plenary; The Older Americans Act, Model Approaches, ADRCs/Legal Aid Working Together:**

Panel: Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Paul Nathanson, Founder of the National Senior Citizens Law Center, now Justice in Aging (JIA); Hilary Dalin, Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services, Administration on Community Living (ACL); Sarah Halsell, State Legal Services Developer, Florida Department of Elder Affairs; Max Rothman, Miami–Dade County Area Alliance for Aging

*Session 1 and 2*      *2:15 - 3:30 pm*

#### **# 1: Home Ownership Issues for Low-Income Seniors**

Panel: Sue Helen Motley, Bay Area Legal Services; Lynn Drysdale, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid; Judge Catherine McEwen, United States Bankruptcy Court, Middle District of Florida

#### **# 2: Representing Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities**

Panel: Eric Carlson, Justice In Aging; Edwin Boyer, Boyer and Boyer; Hilary Dalin, Administration on Community Living (ACL).

**Break**                      **3:30 - 3:45 pm**

*Session 3*                      *3:45 - 5:00 pm*

#### **# 3: Ethics: Avoiding Ethical “Alligators” in Elder Law**

Panel: Roberta Flowers, Stetson University School of Law; Carol Moody, Bay Area Legal Services

### **Friday April 12**

*Session 4 and 5*      *9:00 - 10:15 am*

#### **# 4 Protecting Vulnerable Elderly Consumers**

Panel: Robin Stover, Gulfcoast Legal Services; Nancy Roden, Gulfcoast Legal Aid; Aaron Swift & Jordan Isringhaus, Swift, Isringhaus & Dubbeld, P.A.

**# 5 Medicaid Managed Care: Helping Elderly Clients Obtain Medically Necessary Services**

Katy DeBriere, Northeast Florida Medicaid Legal Partnership; Miriam Harmatz, Florida Health Justice Project; Anne Swerlick, Florida Policy Institute

Break 10:15 - 10:20

*Session 6 and 7 10:20-11:30 am*

**# 6 Medicare Issues Impacting Low-Income Seniors**

Panel: Natalie Kean, Justice in Aging; Kathleen Sarmiento, SHINE Liason, Miami Alliance for Aging

**# 7 Tenants' Rights and Affordable Housing Issues Facing Seniors**

Panel: Patrice Paldino, Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida; Tequisha Myles, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County; Ben Toro-Spears, Florida Housing Coalition

**Lunch: 11: 30 am - 12:30 pm**

***Featuring a brief presentation by Florida Attorney General, Ashley Moody***

**Plenary Panel: A "rapid fire" review of key current elder law issues and innovative projects: 12:30-1:40 pm**

- 1) Tax issues impacting legal aid clients: Mary Ann David, Legal Services of Greater Miami
- 2) Income Trusts: providing the service through legal aid: Tequisha Myles, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
- 3) Dental care for seniors: prospects in Medicare coverage; new coverage in Medicaid: Miriam Harmatz, Florida Health Justice Project
- 4) Building Bridges: Legal Services & Consumer Protection attorneys working together: Robert Follis, Assistant Attorney General, Tampa Consumer Protection Division
- 5) Partnering with social workers: the Social Services Navigator Program: Nicole del Rio, Bay Area Legal Services
- 6) Medical legal partnerships for vulnerable elderly—Nancy Wright, Three Rivers Legal Services
- 7) Guardianships—National overview of issues and best practices for legal aid: Wynn Gerhard, Greater Boston Legal Services
- 8) Retroactive Medicaid eligibility—John Clardy, Clardy Elder Law
- 9) End Life Planning—Robin Stover, Gulfcoast Legal Services

Session 8 and 9 1:40 - 2:50 pm

# 8 **State Legislation Impacting Florida's Seniors: Current Issues; Future Priorities and Advocacy Lessons**

Panel: Dorene Barker, AARP –Florida; Arthur Rosenberg; Matt Childers, Florida Health Justice Project

# 9 **Using Technology to Identify the Legal Risks of Vulnerable Adults**

Panel: Ellen Cheek, Florida Senior Legal Helpline; Sarah Halsell, Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Break 2:40 - 2:50 pm

Session 10 and 11 2:50 - 4:00 pm

# 10 **Maximizing Advocacy Impact Through Public-Private Partnerships**

Panel: Natalie Castellanos, Health Foundation of South Florida; Donny MacKenzie, Florida Bar Foundation; Linda Schotthoefer, United Way of Miami-Dade

# 11 **Florida's Financial Exploitation Injunction**

Panel: Nancy Wright, Three Rivers Legal Services; Ellen Cheek, Florida Senior Legal Helpline; Shannon Miller, The Miller Elder Law Firm

