

## Elder Justice Conference: Final Agenda

### **Thursday April 11**

1-2 p.m.

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

Panel: 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; Sarah Halsell, State Legal Services Developer, Department of Elder Affairs; Max Rothman, Miami-Dade County Area Alliance for Aging

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

#### **# 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

**Break**    **3: 30-3:45**

*Session 3*    *3:45 -5:00*

#### **# 3: Ethics: Avoiding Ethical "Alligators" in Elder Law**

Panel: Prof. Roberta Flowers, Stetson University; Carol Moody, Bay Area Legal Services

### **Friday April 12**

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

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

Panel: Robin Stover, Gulfcoast Legal Aid; Nancy Roden, Gulfcoast Legal Services; 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    10:15-10:30

*Session 6 and 7*                      *10: 30-11:40*

#### **# 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; Tequisha Myles, Legal Aid of PB County; Ben Toro-Spears, Florida Housing Coalition

**Lunch: 11:40-12:30**

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

- 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 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

**# 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, Department of Elder Affairs

Break                      2: 40-2:50

*Session 10 and 11*      2:50-4:00

**# 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; Ellen Cheek, Florida Senior Legal Helpline; Shannon Mills, The Miller Elder Law Firm

