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**MEETING MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP  
8/26/2021  
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS EMBASSY SUITES**

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			
Sharon Lauter, Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marshall Kapp	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irene Dion	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sully Sullivan	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Louis L.I. Grossman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Nagel	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OTHER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES</b>			
Lynn Hearn	Legal Advocate		
Joe Considine	Admin Assistant		
Lori Berndt	North Region Ombudsman Manager		

**OPEN SESSION**

- Called to order at 2:48 PM                      Quorum Established:     Yes     No
- Open Session Statement                      Minutes Approved:       Yes     No (8/17/2021)

**UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

1.     Prior meeting minutes - The minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting were approved by the committee.
  
2.     ALF Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) –Nursing Home is labeled as “protected” in the language, however, for ALFs it simply says “determined eligibility”, nowhere does it state the PNA for ALFs is “protected.” Even with all this research it has been hard to determine how everything is calculated. Medical care is all that a PNA can be used for. The question that this committee needs to answer is, Do the ALF residents actually need a PNA and is such a need covered within any given authority?
  
3.     Advocate’s Guide to Florida’s Long-Term Care Medicaid Waiver (by Florida Health Justice Project) – This item had been sent disseminated to the committee and it was found to be useful. As committee members agreed that this is an extremely complex issue, motion was made to forward this information to Betsy, the LTCOP state trainer, so that hopefully something can be developed for the statewide training conference in October. Lori agreed to forward the information to Betsy, who will then work to get it approved for CE. Once approved Betsy will send to the ROMs who will send to the DOMs. Will have a video with information and then be



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given a packet/information about ALF PNAs. Then the Ombudsman will be trained so they can assist the residents and facility staff in better understanding the PNA program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.
- Open Session adjourned at 4:11 PM.