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State Ombudsman

**MEETING MINUTES
WEST COAST DISTRICT
MID AND S. PINELLAS COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MINUTES
11/17/2022
11351 ULMERTON RD, LARGO FL 33778**

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
ZANETA BATKO	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MARY BRUELS	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DONNA COTTONE	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	CYNDI FLOYD	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
KATHLEEN HALL	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALAN SHERMAN	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
WANDA ODOM	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	MARY STEIN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DARLENE WESTBERG	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	PAMELA MORRILL	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CAROL WEIDEMAN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ANNETTE MCCOMAS - LEAVE	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
RICHARD BOORMAN – IN TRAINING	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ELLEN LAMPARTER	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
DEANNA THOMPSON - IN TRAINING	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PHILIP EVERETT	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
			Present <input type="checkbox"/>
JUDY CARLSON, WEST COAST DISTRICT MGR	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DEBBIE SITKOWSKI, ADM. ASSIST - OMB-in-training	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GUEST(S)			

Council Training: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Review of new Assessment form and procedures for follow-up issues; in depth review of all other forms used as OMB.

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 1:15 P.M. Quorum Established: Yes No
- Open Session Statement Minutes Approved: Yes No **May & August**

INTRODUCTIONS: Of All present VICE CHAIR – Kathleen Hall

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Council membership: 14 OMB CERTIFIED, with 1 on leave of absence. Currently 3 OMB trainees in-field training. One other trainee took a PT job at a facility and is disqualified to be an OMB.
- Since Oct 1st - 12 Cases initiated in Dist 6; 16 cases initiated in Dist 7. Office nearly finished with data clean-up for FY 21-22



FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

- Election of Officers: Council Chair and State Council representative

DOM REPORT: Judy Carlson

- Updated Forms available: Electronic versions: Assessment, Activity Report, Recommended Action, Mileage, Case 2nd page, Reimbursements other than Travel.
- Round Table Case Study to be held mid-December (15th- 16th) on TEAMS led by Diandra Taylor, ROM. We are looking for good case examples, one that is unusual, or in-which you learned important strategies or had to approach differently, please discuss with me.
- SS income increase 8% in January. Rental rates are also going up. Facilities must give a 30 written notice of any rent increase. OMB offices seeing this in issue in more calls.
- Recommended to NOT ask facility employees about their rates of pay. While it may be a concern, this issue could open-up more internal conflict at facilities.
- PNA Memorandum from Ombudsman Legal Advocate, Lynn Hearn
- Resident FALLS/bruising at facilities- facilities should report to DCF, law enforcement, and AHCA. DCF informs the Ombudsman.
- REMINDER- Make sure to get Consent from Resident and document that you did so in the narrative, as well as document exit interview with resident/complainant and facility representative!!!

State Council Representative: Dr. Carol Weideman ending her term as representative - Thank you for your time served as the District 6 representative.

Council elections: The new Chair is Kathleen Hall; Vice Chair is Pam Morrill; State Representative position is vacant.

DCF – API - Stefanie Wilkerson - Adult Protective Services Holiday Project – Sign up for giving to elderly and disabled individuals who live in community and cannot live independently

ADJOURNMENT

- Open Session adjourned at: 2:30 P.M.