



MEETING MINUTES
NORTH DADE OMBUDSMAN COUNCIL MEETING
NORTH DADE (13)
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 2025
10:30 AM EASTERN TIME
CITY OF DORAL / 3RD FLOOR MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

COUNCIL MEMBERS			
CAROLINA LOMBARDI	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OBI LAWRENCE	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
VIVIAN SIMO	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ELAINE BACHENHEIMER (Not certified)	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
ISABEL CRISTINA MARTIN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
MORDECHAI FEINSTEIN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
JOYCE N HOWARD	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
CLIVE PEARCE	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
MIDRED OGE (Not Certified)	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
FRANCIS SCOLLERI GARLIN	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES	
NAME	NAME
	MAYPU MORELL
DEBORAH LINARES	IORELLA PARASI (DOM)

GUEST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Edilia Diaz	CILSF
Lili Portman	CILSF

OPEN SESSION

- Open Meeting Called to order at 10:30AM
- Quorum Established: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- Open Session Statement
- Minutes Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Volunteers were provided with information regarding our upcoming Educational Conference in Orlando, Florida, scheduled for April 22–23, 2025. They were advised to

register for the conference through the hotel's website. If a cancellation became necessary, volunteers were instructed to cancel their own reservations directly.

- They were advised to register for the conference through the hotel's website using their **own personal credit card**. Volunteers were also informed that if they become unable to attend, they must cancel their reservation directly with the hotel. Failure to cancel may result in being charged for the night as a no-show.
- Information about transportation options, including Brightline, Uber, and Lyft, was shared. These travel expenses were approved by the program.
- Breakfast and lunch would be provided by the program during the conference, and dinner expenses would be reimbursed up to \$19 per day.
- Volunteers were informed that they could arrive on Monday, April 21st, and depart on Thursday, April 24th, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Speakers Edilia Diaz and Lili Portman from the Center for Independent Living of South Florida (CILSF) spoke about the Center's mission to serve individuals with all types of disabilities. They emphasized the Center's commitment to empowering people with disabilities to reach their highest potential by advocating for systemic change that promotes access, choice, equality, inclusion, integration, and independence.

TRAINING

- Opening Cases on RTZ training was given to volunteers once the Open Meeting ended and a Closed meeting was called in to order.
- Cases Overviews and examples were presented to Volunteers by the present Staff.

NEW BUSINESS

- Minutes from the last OPEN meetings were approved

ADJOURNMENT

- Open Meeting adjourned at 11:30am and Closed meeting was call to order.
- Next Open Meeting will be on May 9th, 2025
- Next Closed Meeting March 14th, 2025, at 10:30 AM