



**MEETING MINUTES
PASCO AND N. PINELLAS
WEST COAST DISTRICT
11/15/2022**

**Starkey Ranch Theatre Library and Cultural Center
12118 Lake Blanche Drive Odessa, FL 33556**

Terry Lonczak – Vice Chair	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Julie Leis-Krause – in training	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Coleman	Present X	Susan Rodman	Present X
Phil Lachapelle	Present X	Jane Horowitz	Present X
	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Fortney	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Judy Carlson, DOM	Present X		
Debbie Sitkowski, AA	Present X		
Diandra Taylor, ROM	Present X		

Guests –
Doug Thomas, DCF

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 12:30 pm Quorum Established: X Yes No
- OPEN Session Statement Minutes Approved X Yes No

INTRODUCTIONS

UPDATES/REPORTS

District 7 – Certified OMB At 6, 1- new volunteer in Training
Council Chair – Voting for Officers of the Council _ Phil Lachapelle voted-in as Council Chair – Phil accepted and will appoint vice-chair at the next meeting

DOM REPORT:

- We participated in the District 7- Highland Lakes Community **Health and Wellness Event, October 27, 2022**. This event was for only a few hours and at this point was not successful as far as recruitment of volunteers; however, it did offer some networking with the other vendors.
- The District 6 -Discovery Day event at St. Pete College Clearwater did garner about 10 potential volunteer names which we are following up upon.
- Part-time office employee hire is in process through HR.
- Data Entry of all information for 21-22 FY is almost complete. Efforts are being made to keep track of flow of documents for timely data entry into OMIS.



- Location for monthly meeting – NPR library under construction – other options in area.
- Discussion on volunteer recruitment ideas: Recruitment of students from local colleges with Health Care Administration and Social Work degrees for Internships; target mailings to senior housing/associations/clubs such as VFW, American Legion/Disabled American Veterans, YMCA's, Health & Fitness Clubs, local newspapers.

STATE OMBUDSMAN REPORT: - Jane Horowitz reported the next virtual state OMB meeting is Friday November 18 via Teams. Questions submitted before the September meeting which was canceled due to hurricane should be answered.

PNA discussion about memo from Lynn Hearn, Legal Advocate

as the SS recipients are receiving an 8% increase in monthly payments, facility rates are also going up between 5 and 10 %. Facilities are required to give 30-day written notice for any rent increase. Also, OMB offices are seeing an increase in injuries at facilities that are not reported to Agencies.

Confirmation from DCF that facilities need to contact law enforcement, DCF, and AHCA and DCF informs OMB.

DCF REPORT: - Doug Thomas stated DCF is working on placement of displaced persons in ALFs. Finding spaces are opening up at various facilities.

Regional Manager – Diandra Taylor reported as the SS recipients are receiving an 8% increase in monthly payments, facility rates are also going up between 5 and 10 %. Facilities are required to give 30-day written notice for any rent increase.

Case Discussion Round Table via TEAMS will be held mid-December – more information to come.

TRAINING: New Assessment Form - discussion and directions reviewed, as well as discussion regarding unassigned facilities which will also need assessments and how to coordinate.

Adjournment at: 1:36 PM

Closed session discussion- Case discussion finished at 2:00 pm