



Michael Phillips  
State Ombudsman

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Palm Beach Council**  
**District 11**  
**5/10/2021**  
**111 S. Sapodilla Avenue**  
**West Palm Beach, FL. 33401**

| OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES |   |                      |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Patrick Cannan                    | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Anita Yanuck         | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Howard Feuer                      | Present <input type="checkbox"/>            | Larry Zahler         | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ellen Gornstein                   | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sheila Mitchell, DOM | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Wendy Halpern                     | Present <input type="checkbox"/>            | Kathy Agurcia        | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Joel Levinson                     | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jo Ann Quiles, ROM   | Present <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Florence Lippman                  | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Margaret Riccardi    | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Barbara McCray                    | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jane Wechsler        | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Jeffrey Novick                    | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marty Weissman       | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

| GUEST(S)   |
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| Michael Phillips, State Ombudsman<br>Elizabeth Weideman, Trainee |

**OPEN SESSION**

- Called to order at 11:00 a.m.                      Quorum Established:     Yes     No
- Open Session Statement                              Minutes Approved:         Yes     No **(2/8/2021)**

**UPDATES/REPORTS**

- Council Chair Howard Feuer was absent. Marty Weissman called the meeting to order and made announcements.
  
- District Ombudsman Manager Sheila Mitchell
  - o Welcomed a new Certified Ombudsman, Ellen Gornstein and new Trainee, Elizabeth Weideman. The office is receiving numerous applications due to the media advertisements currently airing.
  - o Discussed newly revised CMS Nursing Home Visitation rules.
  
  - o Awards were presented: Ombudsman of the Year to Anita Yanuck; President’s Volunteer Service awards were given to: Anita Yanuck and Margaret Riccardi. Service year pins were also awarded.



# FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

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- State Ombudsman Michael Phillips was special guest.
  - o Provided information on State Council activities and future plans for the Program were discussed.
  
- Agency Representative(s)
  - o None

## **TRAINING**

- o Elizabeth Weideman presented training on Minimum Data Set. Elizabeth Weideman provided overview and importance of the MDS having had experience as an MDS Coordinator in long term care.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Open Session adjourned at 12:45 p.m.