



# FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

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State Ombudsman

MEETING MINUTES  
WEST COAST DISTRICT  
MID AND S. PINELLAS COUNCIL OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
2/8/2024  
11351 ULMERTON RD, LARGO FL 33778

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
Kathleen Hall – Council Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deanna Thompson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jane Horowitz - State Rep <i>(mtg only)</i>	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Weideman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Boorman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wanda Odom	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Stein <i>(Arrived 1/2 of mtg)</i>	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linda Fagan	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zaneta Batko	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sonny Sixkiller	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Cain	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christine Sproule	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tina Rouissiya	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Darlene Westberg - LOA	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Maciag- OIT	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Elise Hazzard - LOA	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Christine Lindsay - OIT	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(online)</i>
Debbie Sitkowski, Adm. Assist	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maddy Guenther - OIT	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Judy Carlson, District Manager	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GUEST(S)</b>			
Kathy Schultz - APS	<i>X (online)</i>	Shantina Hardy - AHCA	
Tammy Turner - APS			

**Training 12:00 PM Guest Speaker - Guest Speaker - Tyler Patrick, Professional Relations Liaison – Suncoast Pace EMPATH HEALTH**

**OPEN MEETING 1 PM**

**CHAIR – Kathleen Hall**

**Vice Chair – vacant**

- ✓ Called to order at *1:00 pm*
- ✓ OPEN Session Statement

Quorum Established:  Yes  No

Minutes Approved:  Yes  No

**Kathleen Hall – Chair Report**

**Council Membership:** We have 17 Certified volunteers and 3 new volunteers in various stages of training. Welcome to the newcomers, Sullivan Maciag, Christine Lindsay, and Maddy Guenther. Two certified volunteers remain on LOA.

Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, Kevin Cronin has stepped away from the Pinellas Council to accept



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the role as an At-Large State Council Representative.

✓ **State Council Representative: Jane Horowitz**

**Adult Protective Services – APS:** *nothing to report*

**DOM REPORT - Judy Carlson**

### Announcements, Reminders & Updates:

- ✓ **Congratulations** to our newly certified volunteer Ombudsman: Christine Sproule, Linda Fagan, and Tina Rouissiya.
- ✓ The OPS position has been posted on: <https://jobs.myflorida.com/> If any of you are interested or know someone who is looking for a Part-time, (24 to 30 hours weekly), please let me know. The position description is in your folders.
- ✓ I've only received two nominations for **Pinellas Council Volunteer of the Year!** Please find the nomination form in your folders, consider your fellow volunteers and what they bring to the table and submit. Thanks
- ✓ **Volunteer needed to assist at upcoming Resident Council Meetings and In-Service Presentations**  
Bayside Terrace, Pinellas Park – Resident Council meeting - Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @2:00 pm  
Lexington H & R- Resident Council meeting – Tentative, Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm  
Aspire at Bardmoor – Largo – In-Service presentation – Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2 pm *(staff)*  
We are looking for volunteers who wish to assist with/or observe the event – please let me know.
- ✓ **OMBUDSMAN POSTERS-** It is time to distribute updated posters to all facilities. We will start with the Nursing Homes. Originally thought we would mail, but the cost to do so is prohibitable, so it will be us to volunteers to make sure we disperse. We have sets (1 English & 1 Spanish) rolled up.
- ✓ **Ombudsman clothing** - we received an assortment of fleece jackets, raincoats, and shirts- if you wish to pick out any, please come upstairs and check out the selection.
- ✓ **Educational Conference** Please register as soon as possible to attend the APRIL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held in Orlando April 16-18. Certified OMB and OMB in training are welcome to attend. Please register through the flyer sent in e-mail and ask to have it sent again if needed.

### New Business:

Meeting Adjourned @ *2:33 pm / JC*  
*2:40 pm*

### CASE Discussions:

**Next Meeting – March 14<sup>th</sup> is a Closed Session- Training Presentation on Elderspeak and Ageism – Deanna Thompson**