



FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

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State Ombudsman

MEETING MINUTES
WEST COAST DISTRICT (6)
PINELLAS COUNCIL

5/9/24

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"/> (12:15 pm)
Jane Horowitz - State Rep (online)	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Weideman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Richard Boorman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wanda Odom – Vice Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Stein	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linda Fagan	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zaneta Batko	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Darlene Westberg	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Cain	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christine Sproule - Away	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Rodman	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Elise Hazzard - LOA	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Sullivan Maciag	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Tina Rouissiya – Office Assist	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Debbie Sitkowski, Adm. Assist	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Cronin (online)	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judy Carlson, District Manager	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GUEST(S)			
Kathy Schultz - APS	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		
Tammy Turner - APS	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		
Maria (came in at 12:55pm) (pot. omb)	X		

TRNG only
(left at 1pm)

Training 12:00 PM Guest Speaker: Mary Ellen Gilbert, Founder & CEO - NAVACARE.ORG

OPEN MEETING 1 PM

CHAIR – Kathleen Hall

Vice Chair – Wanda Odom

- Called to order at 2:30 pm
- OPEN Session Statement

Quorum Established: Yes No
Minutes Approved: Yes No

per Judy (5/10/24)

Kathleen Hall – Chair Report

Council Membership: is now 18 including staff. Anniversaries: Richard - 1 Year 4/16/24
Birthdays - Mike Cain 5/22 and Tina Rouissiya 5/29!

State Council Representative: Jane Horowitz and/or Kevin Cronin

Adult Protective Services – APS:

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DOM REPORT - Judy Carlson

Announcements, Reminders & Updates:

Update: – The Palm Harbor Cares Volunteer Fair @ the Palm Harbor Library held April 23rd provided us with half a dozen potential volunteers, to whom we have sent applications. So far only one has been returned; however, I've received a couple others from different sources. Thank you to Linda, Chris, and Zaneta for participating in the event.

The NEW DATABASE is expected to go live in June. Specifics are still outstanding. I believe the last week of May will be 'in the dark' as the information is transferred to the new platform.

Upcoming Event – Let's Go Senior EXPO - 05/16/2024 at the Central Park Performing Arts Center located at 105 Central Park Drive, Largo FL. Set up begins at 8:30 am with doors opening for Seniors at 10 am sharp. The event is scheduled to run until 12:30 pm. The organizer has stated they anticipate a big crowd as the free tickets are 'sold out'! If you are interested in helping with this let us know.

Important Reminders: Please let us know when you will be away or unavailable for more than a day or two. This helps us when assigning cases and or looking for field assistance of some sort. Either complete the calendars in your folders or email/call us with the dates.

ALSO: When sending documents via email, please try to email all three of us: carlsonju@elderaffairs.org; Sitkowskid@elderaffairs.org; rouissiyat@elderaffairs.org. So that if one is on-leave, we are still able to respond and process in a timely manner. Thanks

Mileage Reimbursement – If you haven't submitted your travel reimbursement yet, please remember to submit the conference travel by itself, with travel before the 16th separated and travel after the 18th separated. We will add in the meal reimbursement amounts prior to submitting.

Volunteer Acknowledgments: Anniversaries; OMB of the Year, Appreciation gifts

Educational Conference - APRIL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE Discussion: what was good, what were your take-aways, what could have been better? What additional information do you want/need?

CASE Discussions: Current Open Cases

Meeting Adjourned -Next Meeting is CLOSED on June 13, 2024. Lunch will be provided; will need your attendance RSVP by June 5th to submit authorization to order food: Pizza and salad, drinks and dessert.