



**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
05/11/2023**

11351 ULMERTON RD, LARGO FL 33778

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
ZANETA BATKO	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	DEANNA THOMPSON	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
KATHLEEN HALL – Council Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RICHARD BOORMAN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>online</i> CAROL WEIDEMAN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALAN SHERMAN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DARLENE WESTBERG	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MARY STEIN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ELISE HAZZARD - in training	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	PAMELA MORRILL – Vice Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>online</i> JUDY CARLSON, WEST COAST DISTRICT MGR	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WANDA ODOM - OPS/ PT Staff	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DEBBIE SITKOWSKI, ADM. ASSIST - OMB-in-training	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GUEST(S)			

Council Training 12:00PM

Guest Speakers – Seniors Versus Crimes, Rosanne and William Pogash

OPEN SESSION: CHAIR – Kathleen Hall Vice Chair – Pam Morrill

- Called to order at 1:00 pm *1:25 pm* Quorum Established: Yes No
- OPEN Session Statement November Minutes Approved: Yes No

Kathleen Hall – Chair Report

Council Membership:

- District 6: 11 certified volunteer and Elise who has almost completed her field training. We have one person just approved for training; however, she missed classroom training due to family emergency and plans to continue the process soon. Unfortunately, Phil C has dropped out of training due to scheduling/time commitment conflicts.



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State Council Representative: Educational Conference registration deadline was April 21st.
Conference will be held at the Florida Hotel in Orlando: May 22- 24th.

DOM REPORT - Judy Carlson

- ✓ ■ Ombudsman of the Year Award and Volunteer Appreciation gifts will be presented at the Educational Conference in May.
- ✓ ■ Educational credit hours – Those of you going to the conference should not have an issue earning the 18 hours required; Other volunteers, please check sheet included in folder and speak to us if you find discrepancies.
- ✓ ■ Thank you to Debbie and Wanda for covering while I was on vacation and again now, while I am quarantined with COVID. A special thank you and congratulations to Debbie for conducting her first classroom training for our Dist 7 trainees.
- ✓ ■ Please provide notification of planned absences – please submit dates you will be away or unavailable for two days or longer, so we can put them on the Volunteer calendar. Email or phone call works fine to let us know.
- ✓ ■ Reminder to submit cases as soon as possible after closing/exiting with facility and complainant/resident.

✓ **New Business:**

CASE Discussions: none

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:53pm

**Next Meeting –CLOSED SESSION – June 8th- Guest Speaker: AHCA Nursing
Home Division – Fran Lima (Shantina's supv.)**