



**MEETING MINUTES**

**South Central**

**District 17**

**08/08/2024**

**1:00 PM EST**

**Bartow Public Library, 2150 S. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830**

**and via TEAMS Meeting: Meeting ID: 283 743 083 383**

**Passcode: ShQP7D**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>			
Celeste Burdick	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Wanda Harrison	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donna Holden	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bill Hulsey	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marcella Lancaster	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terre Anne Lindstamer	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Jim Lynch	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doti Giles -Vol in Training	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alexander Philipose	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nichole Robertson - Vol. In Training	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Priyanka Pramod	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Maciejewski - Vol. In Training	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Ingrid Aldana Administrative Assistant	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samantha Kotz District Manager	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pamela Sabin – Vol. In Training	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>OTHER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>

<b>GUEST NAME</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Cara Espadola	Administrator Lake Wales Wellness and Rehab
Laura Stephan	DCF/APS Supervisor

**OPEN SESSION**

- Called to order at 1:13PM
- Open Session Statement: Yes,

Quorum Established:  Yes  No  
 Minutes Approved:  Yes  No [02/08/2024]

## **UPDATES/REPORTS**

- Open session statement was read by Samantha Kotz, District SC-17 Manager.
- Welcome those present at the meeting, and those attending via TEAMS meeting. On the TEAMS meeting were Ombudsmen: Laura Stephan DCF/APS Supervisor, Cara Espadola Lake Wales Wellness and Rehab Center
- Roll call conducted. Quorum established.

### **District Ombudsman Manager: Samantha Kotz**

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Thanked TEAMS guests for attending remotely.
- Next open session meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the Bartow Public Library. Guest Speaker, Rosemary Lamm (RATH Senior Center).
- Next closed session meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the United Way of Central Florida. The guest speaker at this meeting will be Jody Streussnig with Alzheimer's Association.
- Reviewed AHCA inspection/survey report and AHCA fines report for communities in our district.
- Community name changes.

### **STATE COUNCIL CHAIR: Wanda Harrison**

- No photos during visits for complaints. (Ombudsman)
- Checking Generator on Communities
- Oxygen Tanks storing in a properly places.
- New Ombudsman Campaign started on August 2024
- Working on Business Budget.
- Hiring more OPS positions for going on the field.
- Difference between a service Dog, or Support Dog
- Medical Marijuana in Facilities.

## **TRAINING**

- No Guest Speaker today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Donna Holden is the District 17 Council Chair position.
- All Ombudsman Program Offices will be closed on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (limited to 5 minutes each)

- No updates, No Questions

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at **2:00 PM**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

This portion of the meeting is confidential and closed to the public. *See § 400.0077(2), F.S.*

- Called to order at 2:15 PM
- Closed Session Statement read.
- Adjourned at 4:05PM