



**MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH DADE & FLORIDA KEYS COUNCIL
DISTRICT 14 – SOUTH DADE
08/11/2023
12:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM
9495 SW 72ND STREET, SUITE B-100, MIAMI, FL 33173**

COUNCIL MEMBERS			
Edny Castineira	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Jasmine Ventura	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maria Cristina Clark	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iliana Hernandez	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carlos Gallostra	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alma Dean Major	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Norma Ledesma	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gabriele Donzella	Present <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES	
NAME	TITLE
Alicia Salinas	South Dade District Ombudsman Manager
Edilia Diaz	North Dade District Ombudsman Manager

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 12:05 PM
- Open Session Statement 12:10 PM

Quorum Established: Yes No
 Minutes Approved: Yes No
 05/12/2023

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Alicia Salinas – District Manager
 - Welcome remarks and introductions.
 - Discussed meeting attachments.

TRAINING

- Carlos Gallostra, Registered Respiratory Therapist
- Carlos Gallostra holds a Doctorate degree in Health Care Administration. He is also a Registered Respiratory Therapist, and LPN, and is a licensed ALF Administrator. Mr. Gallostra has over sixty years of experience as a pulmonary care professional and three years as a Certified Ombudsman with the South Dade District.
- Mr. Gallostra spoke about the importance of having some knowledge about the oxygen concentrator device which is used for oxygen therapy in patients. This device concentrates the oxygen from a gas supply by selectively removing nitrogen to supply an oxygen-enriched product gas stream. Oxygen concentrators are used when a patient is prescribed supplemental oxygen due to low oxygen levels in the blood.
- Mr. Gallostra continued by saying that in his experience as an Ombudsman when visiting a Nursing Home, he had observed two oxygen concentrators with either expired tags or no tags at all. The Ombudsman met with the plant operations supervisor and provided education on the importance of oxygen purity and encouraged plant operations, not to depend solely on an outside company, but to personally review all concentrators in use by the facility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Closed Council Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2023
- Next Open Session Meeting will be held on November 11, 2023
- Next Virtual State Council Meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

- Ombudsman Carlos Gallostra will be visiting churches, temples, and synagogues to educate their representatives and attendees about the Ombudsman Program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to 5 minutes each)

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- Called to order at 1:20 PM

- Closed Session Statement 1:21 PM
- This portion of the meeting is confidential and closed to the public (400.0077(2), FS).
- Adjourned at 2:00 PM