



**FLORIDA
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM**
ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

**MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHWEST COUNCIL**

DISTRICT 10

8/9/2022

10:15 AM EST

Punta Gorda Library, 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL

COUNCIL MEMBERS			
Michael Alexander	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cosmo LaCosta	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Barkin	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Marro	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Marylane Bianchi	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Marto	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lynne Bragg	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol McCarron	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Brayton	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Cynthia Minnick	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Carbone	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Morgan	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemary Cicak	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Nielsen	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Crain	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Pratt-Beals	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Brenda Diamond	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Prohs	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Randalynn Gloege	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patricia Rutherford	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kaori Green	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Schultz	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jo Hanson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Shapiro	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eileen Hardigan	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	M. Patricia Shehorn	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Valerie Healey	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Steacy	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alan Horowitz	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ellen Wolfe	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maria Wuster	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		
OTHER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
NAME		TITLE	
Diandra Taylor		West Region Ombudsman Manager	
Rita Lavorgna		Administrative Assistant	
GUEST NAME		ORGANIZATION	
Ron Sharpless		Charlotte County	
Ginny Kreutzer		Lee County	

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 10:15 am Quorum Established: Yes No
- Open Session Statement Minutes Approved: Yes No

UPDATES/REPORTS

- West Region Ombudsman Manager Report: Diandra Taylor
 - Approximately 80% of facilities districtwide have been assessed.
 - There are currently 3 volunteers who are completing field training and one needing classroom training.
 - We have finalized the one-page assessment form and it will go into effect October 1st.
 - Please have your assessments turned in by 9/15/2022 to allow time for QA and data entry.
 - Reminder that the Dr. Piper Center is having a granny get down food competition on August 20th at the Fort Myers St. Cecilia Community Church. Tickets are \$20 and is all you can sample.
 - Reminder that August 21st is National Senior Citizens Day- Designated by President Ronald Reagan, ask your facilities to do something fun and exciting for their residents.
 - Training conducted: Awareness video on how Nursing homes hide profits- a short discussion was had where the Ombudsman asked State Rep- Michael Alexander to raise this to the attention of other state council reps during the next state council meeting. District 10 would like us to follow suit with other states such as New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey who mandated that Nursing homes must spend a certain amount of their profits on residents' direct care.
 - Birthdays for the month: Joanne Crain, Ellen Wolfe, Jonathan Schultz.

ADJOURNMENT

- Open Session adjourned at 11:00 am

CLOSED SESSION

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

- Called to order at 11:05 am
- Closed Session Statement
- Adjourned at 11:40 pm