



MEETING MINUTES

SOUTHWEST

DISTRICT 10

8/9/2022

10:15 AM EST

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

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
Michael Alexander	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Marro	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Barkin	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Mary Marto	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marylane Bianchi	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol McCarron	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lynne Bragg	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Terrence McCay	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Carbone	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cynthia Minnick	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemary Cicak	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Morgan	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Crain	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Nielsen	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brenda Diamond	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Pratt-Beals	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Randalynn Gloege	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Prohs	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kaori Green	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pat Saxon	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jo Hanson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Schultz	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Eileen Hardigan	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Shapiro	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alan Horowitz	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	M. Patricia Shehorn	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cosmo LaCosta	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Steacy	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maria Wuster	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Vickers	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
		Ellen Wolfe	Present <input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES	
NAME	TITLE
Diandra Taylor	West Region Ombudsman Manager
Rita Lavorgna	Administrative Assistant
Audra Peoples	Staff Director- LTCOP
GUEST(S)	
GUEST NAME	ORGANIZATION
Dawn Knowles	Medicaid Done Right LLC.
Safiya Mahmood	Center for Independent Living Gulf Coast- FFAST

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 10:15 am
- Open Session Statement

Quorum Established: Yes No
 Minutes Approved: Yes No

UPDATES/REPORTS

- West Region Ombudsman Manager Report: Diandra Taylor
 - Approximately 10% of facilities districtwide have been assessed at the start of the 1st Quarter.
 - District 10 currently has 324 facilities; we are expecting this number to change because of Hurricane Ian.
 - We currently have 25 Certified Ombudsman, 5 finishing field training and 2 needing classroom training.
 - Recognition: Jo Hanson has completed 10 years as a certified Ombudsman.
 - Birthdays for this month: Alan Horowitz, Jo Hanson, Susan Steacy, Karen Pratt-Beals.
 - Video: A special Message from Secretary Branham.
 - Governor DeSantis had declared October Residents Rights month.
 - Governor DeSantis has declared November Florida Family Caregiver Month- 1 in 4 adult Floridians are a caregiver to their family.
 - Michael Alexander to give report on State Council meeting which will be held November 18th virtually.
 - Special recognition for Jonathan Schultz for his work with the Florida Pioneer Network.
 - An invitation will be sent out for you to participate in a west region case study- we will review cases from each district in our region for open discussion.
 - Update from Staff Director, Audra Peoples- many new things in the works for marketing our program such as radio ad on NPR, upcoming commercial, and Ombudsman Tool-Kit.

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 11:10 am
- Closed Session Statement
- Adjourned at 11:45 pm