



FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY LONG-TERM CARE

Michael Phillips
State Ombudsman

MEETING MINUTES SOUTHWEST DISTRICT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL 10 5/11/2021

2295 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
Lynne Bragg	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Brayton	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margaret Byrum	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Carbone	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Edward Christenbury	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Crain	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Antonio Flores	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo Hanson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eileen Hardigan	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valerie Healey	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carl Hoke	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marilyn Kane	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Susie Lee	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Peter Marro	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan McDevitt	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Nielsen	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Pratt-Beals	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vana Prewitt	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patricia Rutherford	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Shapiro	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patricia Shehorn	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Susan Steacy	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Ellen Wolfe	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Annette McComas, ROM	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kenneth Smith, DOM	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rita Lavorgna, Administrative Secretary	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

GUESTS
Jonathan Schultz, Guest
Kaori Green, Guest

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 11:15 am Quorum Established: Yes No
- Open Session Statement Minutes Approved: Yes No (2/9/2021)

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Council Chair Tony Flores
 - o Welcome extended.
 - o Opening confidentiality statement read.
- District Ombudsman Manager Ken Smith
 - o Introduced 2 new trainees who were present; another trainee's paperwork is almost completed.
 - o Approximately 80 assessments have been completed so far.
 - o Certain statistics must still be researched regarding COVID before an Ombudsman makes their first visit to a facility. Contact the office prior to traveling.



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- o When representing our Program as Ombudsmen, facility staff should be encouraged regarding vaccination.
 - o Several recent phone calls to the office have dealt with families still struggling with visitation in facilities. Quarantines are being re-instituted after a single positive case in the building since infection control is the administration's focus.
 - o Travel vouchers are being processed. Any travel starting July 1 or later must be on a separate voucher from any preceding travel dates due to fiscal year cut-off.
- State Council Representative Vana Prewitt
 - o 4th of July "drive-by" parade in conjunction with local Rotary Clubs – contact Vana if you wish to volunteer that day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Administrative Secretary – Rita Lavorgna
 - o May birthdays: Eileen Hardigan 5/8; Ed Christenbury 5/22; and Marilyn Kane 5/23.
 - o Recognition to Susan McDevitt for 5 years of service.

NEW BUSINESS

Next month's meeting (6/8/21) will be back in the meeting room of the Punta Gorda Library, 401 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. Meeting will begin at 11:15 am.

ADJOURNMENT

- Open Session adjourned at 12:15 pm.