



Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program **FLORIDA**

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**MEETING MINUTES
WEST COAST DISTRICT (6)
PINELLAS COUNCIL**

11/14/2024

11351 ULMERTON RD, LARGO FL 33778

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
Kathleen Hall – Council Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deanna Thompson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jane Horowitz - State Rep	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carol Weideman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Rodman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Richard Boorman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wanda Odom – Vice Chair	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Stein	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patty Benitez	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Zaneta Batko	Present <input type="checkbox"/> <i>online</i>
Maria Rossi	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Hefe	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christine Sproule	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brent Dawson - OIT	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debra Belanger - OIT	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Tina Rouissiya – Office Assist	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Sitkowski, Adm. Assist	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Judy Carlson, District Manager	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GUEST(S)			
Kathy Schultz - APS	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tammy Turner - APS	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

1 hr.
Training 12:00 PM Training – RTZ - Questions and Answers

OPEN MEETING 1 PM

CHAIR – Kathleen Hall

FRA Donna Desanti
Vice Chair – Wanda Odom

- Called to order at *2:45 pm*
 - Session Statement
- Quorum Established: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Minutes Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Stefani Wilkerson
Aug minutes
Voted approved

Kathleen Hall – Chair Report

Council Membership: Pinellas Council membership is 18 including staff and ombudsman-in-training, Debra Belanger and Brent Dawson. We have had recent resignations from, Linda Fagan, Elise Hazzard, & Mike Cain. There are no Volunteer Anniversaries this month. Jane Horowitz and Debbie Sitkowski.

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had Birthdays in October and Today is Carol's Birthday!

Adult Protective Services – APS: Kathy Schulz and/or Tammy Turner *on line* - *Stefani came to meeting.*
DCF Holiday Gift Program Information

State Council Representative: Jane Horowitz

DOM REPORT - Judy Carlson

Announcements, Reminders & Updates

CASES - We have **22** current Open Cases, and since 9-1-24 we have **151** closed activities!

Hurricane Updates: Facilities Closed indefinitely: Aspire at Oldsmar; Shore Acres; Elance of Pasadena; Aspire at the Sea- Pasadena; Aspire at the Harbor -Safety Harbor; John-Nell Manor. If you know of any others, please let us know.

AHCA announced a moratorium for **no new admissions** at Aventura at the Bay and Aventura Bay Place

Next Week: The office will be closed next week, **Monday thru Wednesday**, as Tina and I will be in Tallahassee at a training. Debbie will be working and available by phone or email from home as she assists her husband in his recovery. The following week is Thanksgiving, and the office will be closed Thurs & Friday and possibly partial day on Wednesday (to be announced). I will be out of town; however, Tina and Debbie will be available if you need.

Handouts- In your folders, you will find the meeting dates for next year, the calendars to complete for your availability Dec & January, the latest volunteer contact sheet, and a RTZ tip sheet for entering Activities, and RTZ directions on filtered searches. If you are unsure about how to enter an activity, please contact us!

CASE Discussion:

Meeting Adjourned -Next Meeting is Closed: December 12th! A Holiday Luncheon is planned. We will meet on the 3rd floor in the CARES conference room.