



Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program **FLORIDA**

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State Ombudsman

MEETING MINUTES
WEST COAST DISTRICT (6)
PINELLAS COUNCIL

2-13-25

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"/>	Mary Stein	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wanda Odom – LOA	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Zaneta Batko	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christine Sproule	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maria Rossi	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Brent Dawson	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Hefele	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Cottone - OIT	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Denise Hofer – OIT- F	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tina Rouissiya – Office Assist	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Olympia Morris – OIT- F	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Sitkowski, Adm. Assist	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Cronin	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judy Carlson, District Manager	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GUEST(S)			
Kathy Schultz - APS	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		
Tammy Turner - APS	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		

Training 12:00 PM Training – Artificial Intelligence – A Resource

OPEN MEETING 1 PM

CHAIR – Kathleen Hall

Called to order at

▪ Session Statement

Vice Chair –

Quorum Established: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Minutes Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Kathleen Hall – Chair Report

Council Membership: We have 11-active certified OMB, 1 OMB on leave (LOA), 3 OMB in training (OIT). Happy Birthday to Zaneta! Happy Anniversary to Deanna – 2 yrs, Tina 1-yr, Mary Stein, 7 yrs, Kathleen Hall, 10 yrs, Minutes from the November OPEN meeting need to be approved. Do we have a

Quorum? Vote

Adult Protective Services – APS: Kathy Schulz and/or Tammy Turner

State Council Representative: Jane Horowitz

DOM REPORT - Judy Carlson

Intro of New peeps. ✓

Announcements, Reminders & Updates –

CASES – As of 2/11/25 we have 35 open Cases, consisting of 78 complaints

Ombudsman of the Year for District 6- only received 4 nominations so far. If you wish to nominate someone, please take a minute to fill out the nomination sheet and give to me before the end of the meeting.

Lunch & Learn – February 26th - This will be held on the 3rd Fl. Please raise your hand if you plan to come, so I can have a good estimate of attendance and can order food accordingly.

Educational Conference – April 22nd-April 23rd. Mileage will be reimbursed. Make your registration using your own CC, BUT make sure to let hotel staff know that you are part of the LTCOP conference. When you check-in at hotel, your CC will only be used for incidentals and the room will be paid by the state. Deadline to register is **March 15th! After the 15th, room availability will not be guaranteed.**

The next **classroom volunteer training** is scheduled for February 20 & 21st virtually. I sent the flyer out to you all with the link to register, feel free to register, if you want a refresher or to offer support/information. Staff as well as seasoned volunteers sometimes link-in.

RTZ – Error notices, timely entry of visits. Ask if you need guidance regarding data entry. Questions?

We are about half-way through the 2nd quarter of the year (January, February March). Please prioritize visiting your assigned Nursing Home's every month, as LTCOP has requested. Of course, If you are also able to visit some or all of your ALF's or AFCH's once in the quarter it is appreciated!

CHANGE IN MEETING DAY – There has been discussions about the possibility of our meeting being held in the upstairs conference room. In order for us to do this, the day of the week that we meet would need to be changed. Options are: Monday or Fridays any week of month or Tuesday 1st, 3rd or 4th of month.

NEW CHAIR - Kathleen is stepping down as Chair after being in the role for several years. One nomination has come forward. Are there any other nominations? Vote.

CASE Discussion:

Meeting Adjourned -Next Meeting is Closed: March 13th.