



Michael Phillips
State Ombudsman

**MEETING MINUTES
WITHLACOOCHEE COUNCIL
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
5/18/2021**

Sumter County Service Center, 7375 Powell Road, Room 102, Wildwood, FL

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES			
Phylis Berger	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Marie Brand, RN	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Frank Charles	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenny Colbree	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Croft	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Fehrenback	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Harmon	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Kimball	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marilyn McCabe	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Nichols	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Pauer	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Emmie Pearson	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Betty Pettinicchi	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Dennis Phillips	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
June Pinard	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sandy Robbins	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Ron Schleich	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Winston Sherman	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teri Sinclair (OIT)	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charlene Soos	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judy Vaught	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Betty Wodarski	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Phillips, State Ombudsman	Present <input type="checkbox"/>		Present <input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Berndt, Regional Ombudsman Manager	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Johnston, Administrative Assistant	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Yonce, District Ombudsman Manager	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marie Fisher, Administrative Assistant	Present <input type="checkbox"/>
GUEST(S)			
NONE			

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 10:00 a.m. Quorum Established: Yes No
- Open Session Statement Minutes Approved: Yes No (2/16/2021)

UPDATES/REPORTS

- Council Chair Winston Sherman
 - o Attendance via roll call
 - o Briefly discussed confusion about wearing masks



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- District Ombudsman Manager Dennis Yonce
 - o Discussed procedures for reentering facilities-contact District Ombudsman Manager prior to doing an indoor visit. Need to check facility for COVID and county positivity rate
 - o Continue contacting facilities and resident council presidents for those Ombudsmen not visiting facilities
 - o Encouraged Ombudsmen to complete assessments if visiting facilities
 - o Discussed submitting mileage to office ASAP (must be entered by June 25, 2021 (end of state fiscal year). Discussed submitting mileage vouchers using 15-minute increments (9:00, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45) and whole numbers (no decimals) and mileage map/vicinity
 - o Thanked Ombudsmen for remaining with the program throughout this pandemic

- State Council Representative Marie Brand
 - o State training and education committee conference call on May 10, 2021
 - Discussed upcoming webinars
 - The statewide Ombudsmen training has been moved from August to October which will take care of the 18-hour CE requirements for next fiscal year
 - o State legislative committee conference call on May 25, 2021
 - o State RRR committee conference call on May 26, 2021
 - o State advocacy committee conference call on May 27, 2021
 - Sharon Lauter, District 3 State Representative, contacted Marie concerning combining the two districts to discuss issues during assessments and resident rights after COVID. Discussion concerning forming a task force of 2 or 3 Ombudsmen from each district rather than combined council meeting
 - o State conference call on June 2, 2021

TRAINING

- Dennis Yonce, District Ombudsmen Manager, COVID assessment form training

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Chair nominations were distributed (to be voted on at August open meeting)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None



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ADJOURNMENT

- Open Session adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- Called to order at 11:25 a.m.
- Closed Session Statement
- Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.