

Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition

Meeting Minutes September 8, 2015

Present: Stacy McWhinnie, Angela Choice, Charity Lewis, Patricia Schroeder, Sara Donovan, G. Cassandra, Sue Smith, Bruce Cartwright, DR. Raul Diaz, Rosequelyn Woods, Pam Berry, Gisillermo Desran, Ed Teague, Beverly Hudson, Claudia Tuck, Cindy Sjogren, Jose Capellan.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order and Introductions	Claudia Tuck, Director, Human Services, called the meeting to order at 9:06am. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent.	
Agenda/Minutes	Minutes of July 2015 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed.	Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.
Congressional Briefings:		Contact Information: Jill Benson Phone: 561-470-5440 E-mail: jill.benson@mail.house.gov
Jill Benson	*Congressman Deutch continues to work on Veteran issues locally and in D.C. *3 page handout outlining the Congressman's Legislative Record: Honoring our veterans; 3 news bills (on page 2)	Contact Information: Charity Lewis Phone: 561-998-9045 E-mail: Charity.Lewis@mail.house.gov
Charity Lewis	*Congresswoman Frankel presented medals to a WWII Veteran in Boynton Beach	Contact Information: Dr. Rual Diaz, PHD Phone: 561-422-1201 Email: rual.diaz2@va.gov
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rual Diaz, PHD	*Briefing on VA, Vet Centers (Readjustment Counseling Service), History, Mission, and local support groups and activities: Mobile Vet Center at Palm Beach State College (September 10th, 2015), and Jupiter Vet Center Open House (September 11th, 2015). *Handouts provided and brochures for the two Vet Center locations in Palm Bch Co.	
Roundtable Discussion	* Sue Smith - Awesome Greyhound Adoption available for veterans 561-906-3642 * Sara Donovan - Homeless Summit at VAMC 9/23/2015. Will email info. * Patricia Schroeder - 211 - Help Me Grow handout, New 211 Veterans Reference Guides, September is suicide prevention month. * Stacey McWhinnie - Career Source hiring event in October. 561-340-1060	
Meeting Adjourned	*Claudia Tuck thanked everyone for coming; motion to end meeting at 10:45 AM.	
Next Meeting	November 10th, 2015 @ 9:00am / Location: 810 Datura Street., Basement Conference Room,	http://www.pbcgov.org/community/services/programs/humanservices/veterans/