

Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition

Meeting Minutes January 10th, 2017

Present: Cindy Sjogren, Greg Dover, Jose Capellan, Ed Teague, Stacey McWhinnie, Patrice Schroeder, Angela Choice, Sylvia Bischoff, Cody Melton, Sue Smith, Nancy Germansky, Kenita Gordon, Whitney Cherner, Danielle Hartman, Charlotte Ribillard, Sara Donovan

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order and Introductions	Jose Capellan, CVSO, Veteran Services, called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent.	
Agenda/Minutes	Minutes of November 8th , 2016 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed.	Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.
<p>Guest Speaker: Danielle N. Hartman, MNM President & CEO Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (Help, Hope, Humanity)</p> <p>Congressional update</p> <p>Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>* Serve about 15,000 annually (all ages and beliefs)* Serves Boca Raton, Delray Beach, and Highland Beach* Senior Services* Food and Financial Services* Counseling and Mental Health* Center for Families and Children* Career and Employment Services* Volunteer Opportunities</p> <p>* Three Transition to Success Programs: 1. GY6 Veteran's Alliance is a comprehensive career & employment services program which is structured to address the specific needs of veterans. 2. Comeback Career program empowers women as they embark on making a comeback in their personal and professional lives. 3. W.T.O.F. Working Towards Our Futures Program addresses common employment challenges faced by millennials.</p> <p>* Handouts provided for all services offered.</p> <p>Nancy Germansky passed out a handout from Congresswoman Lois Frankel and mentioned the Congresswoman is very supportive of veterans and also mentioned the districts have changed a bit and they will be serving more seniors.</p> <p>* VA Homeless Program in North County on 2/21/2017</p> <p>* Info booth at South Florida Fair needs volunteers. Charlotte Ribillard contact.</p> <p>* VHA Veterans Health Administration now collecting unpaid debt on medical bills.</p> <p>* 211 facilitating Help Me Grow piece and Teen guides available; Keeping them safe and well.</p> <p>*Phoenix Rising Retreat taking place on 1/17/2017. Looking for one more veteran. Documentary will be filmed during retreat.</p> <p>* Vet Center Pompano announced Senior Expo at Coconut Creek Casino on 1/24/2017</p> <p>* Awesome Greyhound Adoptions have dogs and need veterans</p> <p>* Vet Center Greenacres working on community access center in Belle Glade (underserved)</p> <p>*Career Source: Lowes interviewing @ Career Source on 1/12/2017, Borer Patrol interviewing on 2/3/2017 and also in Broward County on 1/13/2017. Also announced with the 1% tax increase Career Source helping get jobs in the infrastructure jobs market. And, expansion in aviation jobs. Career fair/job fair sometime in March TBT.</p> <p>10:35 AM</p>	<p>Contact Information:</p> <p>Whitney Cherner, MSW Phone: 561-852-3347 whitneyc@ralesjfs.org</p>
Next Meeting	March 14th, 2017 @ 9:00am / Location: 810 Datura Street., Basement	Room, West Palm Beach, FL.

