

**Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition  
Meeting Minutes  
September 13th, 2016**

**Present:** Cindy Sjogren, Jose Capellan, Greg Dover, Charity Lewis, Sylvia Bischoff, Michael Borduc, Jenifer Brito, Stacy McWhinnie, Keith Gibson, Ed Tague, Patrice Schroeder, Adam Lobrutto, Robert Prince, Angela Choice, Julia Spence, Peter Anderson, Alex Cruz, Erica Cruz, Andy Snow, Jill Benson, Dru Cuthbery, Sue Smith, Michael Cohen, Andy Reese, Claire, Cathi-Anne Cooke, Kim We, Cody Melton, Marc Brennen, Chris McGintery, Doug Maddox, Joe Franklin

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call to Order and Introductions</b>	Jose Capellan, Supervisor, Veteran Services, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent.	
<b>Agenda/Minutes</b>	Minutes of March 8th, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed.	Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.
<p><b>Guest Speaker:</b> Alex F. Cruz, Founder The 22 Project</p> <p><b>Roundtable Discussion</b></p>	<p>* Alex gave a presentation on 22 Project mission and handed out literature about treating Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with non-traditional (hyperbaric oxygen) treatments. * Sgt Andrew Snow gave testimony on the results he has experienced from the treatments. * Dr Heidi Erickson also spoke on the positive results they are experiencing with this treatment. * Healing the invisible wounds of war with hyperbaric oxygen is not possible for veterans in need without donations; and, founders Erica and Alex Cruz have funded much of the treatment with their own funds.</p> <p>*Kim Weiss of Health Communications Inc (HCI) spoke about <i>ink</i>spirations coloring companion books and the need to have one for the military (wounded vets and family) *Representative from VA Cemetery, Missing America Project -Oct 22nd *Alzheimer's Association-24 hr hotline. Sep 29th,2pm *Patrice S-211-Suicide Prevention Hotline-Biggest Mission-Online chat-offered tour of facility. *Joe Franklin, Retired Medical Corps Officer, working with Major's office on Goal Program *Michael Bolduc-"oversight and accountability of not for profits who are not doing the right thing" *West Palm Beach Veterans Day Parade Nov 6th on Clematis Street *Drew, a veteran who attended the Phoenix Retreat, gave testimony on the positive effect EMDR (post traumatic treatment) has had in his life. Teaching veterans how to help themselves. He is a performing artist with the Combat Hippies and has a show Nov 17th at Broward Community College. *Sylvia B. of the Phoenix Retreat: Next retreat is in January and already a waiting list. *VA Vet Centers reps recapped their services: No RX, counseling, weekend and evening hours, confidential records. *Stacy McWhinnie, Career Source: Outreach @ Vet Centers, VAMC and Veteran's Court.</p>	<p>Contact Information: Phone: 888-915-5652 Email: alex@support22project.org</p> <p>Web Site: www.support22.org</p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	*Jose Capellan thanked everyone for coming; motion to end meeting at 10: 45AM.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	November 8th, 2016 @ 9:00am / Location: 810 Datura Street., Basement Conference	Room, West Palm Beach, FL.