

Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition

Meeting Minutes November 10th, 2015

Present: Claudia Tuck, Cindy Sjogren, Jose Capellan, Andy Reese, Greg Dover, Patricia Schroeder, Charity Lewis, Robert Gawel, Ana Batista, Sue Smith, Angela Choice, Frank Policastri, Josh Maddock, Randy Goodman, E. Vallejo, Karen Collins, Vice Major Berger, Meaghan White, Cassandra Sapp Norris

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| Call to Order and Introductions | Claudia Tuck, Director, Human Services, called the meeting to order at 9:10am. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent. | |
| Agenda/Minutes | Minutes of September 8th 2015 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed. | Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented. |
| Congressional Briefings: Charity Lewis | *Congresswoman Frankel continues to work on Veteran's issues. | Contact Information: Charity Lewis Phone: 561-998-9045 E-mail: Charity.Lewis@mail.house.gov |
| Guest Speaker: Vice Major Mary Lou Berger, County Commissioner District 5 | *Discussed her background with the county and her family military history and why she is a strong supporter of Veterans. * Vision for the Purple Heart Bus Wrap; will run till end of 2015 * Getting the word out through her publication, The Berger Blast! 'I'm still the best Berger in town'. | Contact Information: *Meaghan White Phone: 561-355-2205 Email: mawhite@pbcgov.org *Senior Administrative Assistant to Vice Mayor Berger |
| Guest Speaker: Ana Batista, Area Agency on Aging | *Discussed Elder Helpline Programs *Handout on services offered and general eligibility requirements | Contact Information: Ana Batista Phone: 561-684-5885 Email: Abatista@yourADRC.org |
| Roundtable Discussion | * Sue Smith - Awesome Greyhound Adoption available for veterans 561-906-3642 * Robert Gawel - VAMC Community Employment Coordinator, overview * Patricia Schroeder - 211 wants to do more for veterans. List of meal sites. * Karen Collins - VAMC Community Outreach in Atrium - Nov 19th 10am-1pm * H.A.C.E.R.- Thanksgiving with help from PBSO on Nov 18th *Josh Maddox - FHLC Village of Valor to open end of 2016 *Randy Goodman - www.TaskForceOne.Org - New Company looking for Veterans | |
| Meeting Adjourned | *Claudia Tuck thanked everyone for coming; motion to end meeting at 10:30 AM. | |
| Next Meeting | January 12th, 2016 @ 9:00am / Location: 810 Datura Street., Basement Conference Room, West Palm Beach, FL. | http://www.pbcgov.org/community/services/programs/humanservices/veterans/ |