

## Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition

### Meeting Minutes July 14, 2015

**Present: Stacy McWhinnie, Angela Choice, Charity Lewis, Patricia Schroeder, Tomas Coles, G. Cassandra, Sue Smith, Chymayne Woods, Jennifer Braisted, Greg Rydman, Sara Donovan, Michelle McGovern, Josh Maddock, Beverly Hudson, Claudia Tuck, Greg Dover, Cindy Sjogren, Jose Capellan.**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call to Order and Introductions</b>	Greg Dover, County Veteran Service Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. All present introduced themselves and the organization they represent.	
<b>Agenda/Minutes</b>	Minutes of May 2015 meeting were reviewed. Agenda was reviewed.	Minutes approved as presented. Agenda approved as presented.
<b>Congressional Briefings:</b>		
<b>Jill Benson</b>	*Congressman Deutch continues to work on Veteran issues locally and in D.C.	Contact Information: Jill Benson Phone: 561-470-5440 E-mail: jill.benson@mail.house.gov
<b>Charity Lewis</b>	*Congresswoman Frankel looking for women veterans to tell their stories. District #22 wants to put women veteran stories in the Congressional records.	Contact Information: Charity Lewis Phone: 561-998-9045 E-mail: Charity.Lewis@mail.house.gov
<b>Guest Speaker: Nick Ciotti</b>	*Introduction of new and free financial coaching program for veterans. Program is federally funded for 2 years to help veterans nationwide. A financial coach offers support, encouragement, accountability and resources to help you achieve your financial goals. To learn more visit website: (www.afsc.com)	Contact Information: Nick Ciotii Phone: 561-475-0422 Email: nciotti@afsc.com
<b>Roundtable Discussion</b>	* Josh Maddock – Faith, Hope, Love – two facilities consolidating soon to village of valor. This resource center will support veterans and their families with a multitude of services to include crisis programs, rapid re-housing, financial asst & utility asst. * Tomas Coles - Vets Place – new programs to include housing & food on weekends; free computer training (Microsoft office suite) & employment workshop (boots to suits). * Patricia Schroeder - 211 - Help Me Grow handout (child development) and Free Meals for kids and teens during the summer. Superheroes unite bowling tournament on Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> , 7-10pm at revolutions, city place to benefit 211 help line.	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	*Greg Dover thanked everyone for coming; motion to end meeting at 10:30 AM.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	September 8th, 2015 @ 9:00am / Location: 810 Datura Street., Basement Conference Room,	<a href="http://www.pbcgov.org/community/services/programs/humanservices/veterans/">http://www.pbcgov.org/community/services/programs/humanservices/veterans/</a>