



Glades PATCH Board Meeting
June 17, 2025
9:00am – 10:30am
Held Via Zoom and in person

Board Members

Present:

Jerry Leakey	<i>Legal Aid Society</i>	<i>jleakey@legalaidpbc.org</i>
Millie Rodriguez	<i>Foundcare</i>	<i>mrodriguez@foundCare.org</i>
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Dr. Lisa Kirk Wiese	<i>FAU College of Nursing</i>	<i>Lwiese@health.fau.edu</i>
Patrice Schroeder	<i>211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast</i>	<i>patrice.schroeder@211ptbc.org</i>
Ron Dixon	<i>Palm Beach County Reentry</i>	<i>rdixon@pbc.gov</i>
Sharonda Crowford	<i>Families First</i>	
Karis Engle	<i>The Glades Initiative</i>	<i>kengle@gladesinitiative.org</i>
Jinga Oglesby- Brihm	<i>Empower Healthcare</i>	<i>Drjinganp@empowerhealthcare4all.org</i>
William Freeman	<i>People of Purpose</i>	
Shauvan Williams	<i>GAMMA</i>	
Elea Dean	<i>Bridges at Pahokee</i>	

Guests Present:

Carissa Vaccaro	<i>Coalition for Independent Options</i>	
Valerie Parks	<i>Trustbridge Hospice Foundation</i>	
Andres Torrens	<i>Trustbridge Hospice</i>	<i>atorrens@trustbridge.com</i>
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Libby Snyder	<i>CILO</i>	
Jared Riley	<i>CILO</i>	
Catherine Martinez	<i>Resident of the Glades</i>	csmartinez1998@gmail.com
Lashaunda Harris	<i>Federation of Families</i>	
LaToya Penchion	<i>Community Partners of South Florida</i>	

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Marilu Baltazar at 9:04 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF THE of June 17th AGENDA:** Jerry Leakey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Millie Rodriguez.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20th, MINUTES:** Lisa Wiese made a motion to approve the May 20th, minutes seconded by Patrice Schroeder.
4. **All those that were in attendance introduced themselves.**
5. **SPEAKER: Laura Cusack,** from The Coalition for Independent Living Options shared updates on victim support services for individuals with disabilities, including Laura's departure and Libby's new role as senior victim advocate overseeing case management. Libby highlighted their streamlined referral process and an upcoming June 27th Facebook Live with Mariana Blanco (Guatemalan Mayan Center) on preparing parents of U.S. citizen children for crises. The team discussed referral procedures, emphasizing the need for crime and disability details, and confirmed the event would be public and confidential with no registration required. The meeting closed with updates on health and wellness initiatives, including Trust Bridge's bereavement services, community events, health screenings, and training opportunities.
6. **SPEAKER: Valerie Parks,** from Trust Bridge, which provides hospice care in Palm Beach County, introduced Andres, who oversees bereavement services in Palm Beach and Broward. He shared their support groups, educational programs, and events such as Camp Good Grief and the Angel Ceremony, along with plans to expand in Belle Glade and collaborate with the school district to support children who've lost parents. Trust Bridge will also present at the district's BHPs gathering in late July. Susan proposed partnering to provide Deterra medication disposal pouches for families, and she will follow up with Trust Bridge to explore this initiative.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Annie announcing an upcoming event on October 18th and a Pink Walk for breast cancer awareness on October 19th.
8. **OLD BUSINESS: None**
9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - **Communications Committee:** Annie Ifill requested presenters to submit their information before her vacation in July, and she planned to include Rhonda Caldwell from Pace in the presentations list.
 - **Nominating Committee: No updates.**
 - **Teen/Parent Connection Committee: No Updates**
 - **Health & Wellness Committee:** Lisa Wiese, The Health and Wellness Committee discussed the success of the recent Men's Health Fair in Pahokee, which attracted 30 participants despite some attendance challenges. They identified the need to improve recruitment by partnering with faith educators, adjusting event times to 3-7 PM, and involving neighborhood ambassadors. The committee also outlined upcoming health

events for October through February, including screenings for women, breast cancer awareness, and diabetes education. William suggested finding an alternative date for the November 15th diabetes event, as it falls on his birthday.

- **Policies and Procedures Committee: No Updates**

10. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Susan Foley (PBC Behavioral Health Coalition):** Susan shared details about upcoming trauma-informed care training sessions and a virtual event on marijuana's effects.
- **Marilu Baltazar (Glades Initiative):** Reminder everyone that Pantry Days and Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm.
- **William Freeman (People of Purpose):** William announced upcoming pickleball events and activities.
- **Diana (Florida Community Health Center):** Diana highlighted the availability of primary care services through Florida Community Health Center, including sliding fee options for underserved populations.
- **Patrice Schroeder (211 helpline):** Patrice-211 provided updates on back-to-school events and disaster recovery resources.
- **Jinga Oglesby Brihm (Empower Healthcare):** Jinga presented information on a new heart health initiative.
- **Annie Ifill (Healthier Glades):** Annie reported on the successful Chair Yoga program, which will resume in August after a summer break, and discussed ongoing health screenings and data collection efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06a.m.

The next PATCH meeting is scheduled for August 19th. This meeting will be both in-person and via zoom.

Minutes completed by Ron Dixon