



Glades PATCH Board Meeting

August 19th, 2025

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Held via Zoom and in person

Board Members Present:

Jerry Leakey - Legal Aid Society	jleakey@legallaidpbc.org
Marilyn Baltazar - The Glades Initiative (Stand-In)	mbaltazar@gladesinitiative.org
Annie Ifill - Healthier Glades	annie.glades@htpbc.org
Marcia Bahia - PBSO	bahiam@pbso.org
Dr. Lisa Kirk Wiese - FAU College of Nursing	Lwiese@health.fau.edu
Brianca Spence- Moms in the Muck	momsinthemuckinc@gmail.com
Ron Dixon – Palm Beach County Public Safety (Stand-In)	rdixon@pbc.gov
Millie Rodriguez – Foundcare	mrodriguez@foundcare.org
Karis Engle – Glades Initiative	kengle@gladesinitiative.org

Guests Present:

Lillianna Hymans – FAU	lhymans2018@health.fau.edu
Lourdes Sprinkmoller – FAU	lsprinkmoll2017@fau.edu
Rupuni Haque – FAU	rhaque2019@fau.edu
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Perla Lazaro – CareerSource PBC	plazaro@careersourcepbc.com
Victoria Gonzalez – FAU	gonzalezvict2024@health.fau.edu
Danyelle Besancon – FAU	danyelle.besancon@gmail.com
Deandra Knox – FAU	deandra.know@gmail.com

Adefemi Ohisanya – FAU	aohisanya2016@health.fau.edu
Danicka Verty – FAU	doverty2013@health.fau.edu
Dulce Diaz – The Glades Initiative	ddiaz@gladesinitiative.org
Susan Foley - Palm Beach County Behavioral Health	SusanFoley@PBCBHC.org
Jeffrey Lucas – Florida Atlantic CARD	jlucas11@fau.edu
Shirlon St Amour, PBC Public Safety	ssamour@pbc.gov
Lashaunda Harris - Federation of Families of Florida	lashaunda@flfamilies.net
Valerie Jordan – Recovery Community HUB	Valerie@pbchub.org
Franklin Baquero - Centro Campesino	f.avila@ccfcfl.org
Megan Bob - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County	MBob@literacypbc.org
Anna Harper – Sunshine Health	Anna.Harper@sunshinehealth.com
Sheree Wolliston – American Heart Association	heree.wolliston@heart.org
Laura Rivera – Legal Aid Society	Lrivera@legallaidpc.org
Tiffany Parrish – Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network	tparrish@hcsef.org

1. Call To Order:

- a. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.

2. Approval of August 15th Agenda

- a. Motion to approve by Lisa Weise and seconded by Marcia Bahia with edits: Dr. Jinga Brihm needs to be added to the list of Board Members on the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of June Minutes

- a. Motion to approve by Bree Spence and seconded by Millie Rodriguez with edits, GAMA not GAMMA.

4. All attendees (in-person and virtual) introduced themselves.

- 5. Presentations:** Dalad presented an overview of Community Partners of South Florida and their mental health services, including therapy for children, adults, and families, as well as psychiatric care. They highlighted the school-based therapy program co-located in 15 Palm Beach County schools, offering free counseling to students and working to reduce stigma around mental health. Services include screenings, assessments, therapy, housing, and case management, with referrals available for substance use treatment. The agency provides care in multiple languages, accepts Medicaid and private insurance, and offers free services through Tana funds for uninsured clients. They also support undocumented individuals, though engagement can be challenging. While they do not have a contract with schools in the Glades, they can assist residents through collaboration with other providers.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Nominating Committee**: No update.
- b. **Communication Committee**: None. The list of speakers will be sent out again.
- c. **Teen Parent Connection Committee**: There will be no “Night out on Crime” or Teen Summit this year.
- d. **Health & Wellness Committee**: Updates listed under announcements.
- e. **Policies & Procedures Committee**: No update.

7. Announcements

- a. Chair yoga classes are offered in a hybrid format at Saint John's Missionary Baptist Church and a faith-based health educator group.
- b. Lisa announced that her students are available to participate in community events and conduct windshield surveys to gather resident feedback.
- c. Bree announced the Moms In The Muck Community Baby Shower on September 13th at the Belle Glade Library from 1:30-4:30 pm.
- d. Annie provided information about an upcoming grant class at the Hub starting on the 20th and mentioned the need to update the list of speakers for upcoming months.
- e. Upcoming Early Childhood Nutrition resource fair on August 22nd, 2025, at the Belle Glade Library.
- f. Susan announced International Overdose Awareness Day is August 31. There are several events around the community to remember those lost to this preventable tragedy. FAU hosts a Walk of Remembrance on Fri, August 29, from 11 AM to 1 PM on Campus in Boca Raton. Rebel Recovery and Compass Community Center host an event from 2 PM to 5 PM in Lake Worth Beach. The HUB of Lake Worth Beach has an open door Sat August 30, from 10AM to 6 PM with a special remembrance at 5 PM.
- g. Tiffany announced If anyone needs help getting enrolled in health insurance or using their current benefits, please send them our way. You can reach me at 561.557.9273 or tparrish@hcsef.org

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

The next PATCH meeting is scheduled for September 16th, 2025. This meeting will be both in-person and via zoom.