



Glades PATCH Board Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2025

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Held via Zoom and in person

Board Members Present

Marilu Baltazar – The Glades Initiative

Jerry Leakey – Legal Aid Society

Annie Ifill – Healthier Glades

Marcia Bahia – PBSO

Dr. Lisa Kirk Wiese – FAU College of Nursing

Brianca Spence – Moms in the Muck

Ron Dixon – Palm Beach County Public Safety

Karis Engle – Glades Initiative

Patrice Schroeder – 211

William Freeman – People of Purpose

Elea Dean – BRIDGES at Pahokee

Shauvan Williams – GAMA

Sharonda Crawford – Families First

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Guests Present

Catherine Figueroa – The Glades Initiative

Valerie Parks – Trustbridge

Andres Torrens – Trustbridge

Denise Schoburgh – Trustbridge

Keosha Simmons – Trustbridge

Karen Pritchett – Trustbridge

Alexa Lee – PBCBHC

Pat Omeara – Trustbridge

Terrica Booth – Grand Canyon University

Dulce Diaz – The Glades Initiative

Linquetta Jolly – Foundcare

Teri Mitze – Mitze Mediation

Lindsey Estinfort – BRIDGE at Belle Glade

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Joe-Ann Reynolds – Lakdeside Medical Center	johyppol@hcdpbc.org

1. Call To Order:

A. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

2. Approval of September 16th Agenda

- A. Motion to approve by Jerry Leakey and seconded by Marcia Bahia. Motion passed.
- B. It was noted that Federation of Families will present in December.

3. Approval of August 19th Minutes

- A. Motion to approve by Lisa Weise and seconded by Marcia Bahia. Motion Passed

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

5. Speaker: Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition – Alexa Lee

A. The presentation focused on substance prevention efforts in Palm Beach County, with a presentation on environmental scans conducted last year across 88 stores. The presenter highlighted key findings about alcohol and tobacco placement, including visible advertising near entrances, single-unit alcohol sales, and vape products being placed on counters rather than behind glass. They discussed strategies for store compliance, including moving products away from candy sections and adjusting advertising placement, while emphasizing that the goal is education rather than punishment. The presentation also covered resources available for adults, including medication disposal information and the Coalition on Wheels program, which provides educational displays about substance use. The meeting focused on substance abuse statistics among middle and high school students in Palm Beach County, with the presenting data showing that 88% of students do not use alcohol underage. The discussion covered upcoming prevention initiatives, including the Youth Summit on March 28th with the theme "Adventure Awaits," and a poster contest offering up to \$1,000 in scholarship prizes. The coalition is seeking a volunteer lead for a poster installation event in March and continues to provide various prevention programs and resources throughout the county.

6. Committee Reports

A. Communication Committee– The presenter calendar has been updated. There are presentation spaces available for May and June.

B. Nominating Committee – This committee update can be taken off the agenda until the yearly business meeting.

C. Teen Parent Connection Committee– There won't be a Glades Night Out on Crime or Teen Summit this year. There is hope for next year. The PBC Youth Summit is scheduled for March 28th, 2026. The WPB Night Out event is scheduled for October 15th in Royal Palm Beach.

D. Health & Wellness Committee – The Faith-Based Health Educators announced Arts in the Muck scheduled for October 22nd, 2025. Vendor information coming soon. On October 18th, there will be a Breast Cancer Walk (Muck, Sweat & Tears) in Pahokee. They are still searching for teams to register. October 17th is Tea & Conversations hosted by Empower Healthcare. September 20th, Empower Healthcare will be hosting a health event celebrating its 3-year anniversary. Chair Yoga is still happening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lakeside Medical Center announced plans to increase its community presence through mobile units and health events.

E. Policies & Procedures Committee – None.

7. Announcements:

A. Upcoming financial literacy workshops and a United Way Trivia Challenge. Boris shared information about a Compass event catering to Latinx individuals in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month and National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Tiffany provided updates on health insurance enrollment assistance, noting that Medicaid and Florida KidCare have year-round enrollment while Marketplace enrollment opens November 1. Dulce announced that Legal Aid Society will be offering ID assistance services in Belle Glades on September 30th, and Bree mentioned available doula services for pregnant and new mothers. The Literacy Coalition will be conducting a training in Belle Glade on Friday, Sept. 26th. Volunteer commitment is only 1-2 hours/week and takes place at Gove Elementary or KE Cunningham/Canal Pointe

8. Adjournment:

A. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

The next PATCH meeting is scheduled for October 21st, 2025. This meeting will be both in-person and via zoom.