



**Glades PATCH Board Meeting**  
**March 16th, 2021**  
**9:00am – 10:45am**

*Held at Via Zoom*

**Board Members Present:**

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Karis Engle	<i>Glades Initiative</i>
Jerry Leakey	<i>Legal Aid Society</i>
Marcia Bahia	<i>Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office</i>
Michelle Williams	<i>Lutheran Services FL</i>
Jessica Moore	<i>PEPPI Headstart</i>
Dr. Charlene Ford	<i>West Technical Education Center</i>
Cylenphia Mann	<i>Community Partners of S. FL</i>
Patrice Schroeder	<i>211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast</i>
Terri Calsetta	<i>Lakeside Medical Center</i>
Fanny Jackson	<i>Susan G. Komen</i>

**Guests Present:**

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Tiffany Parrish	<i>Lake Okeechobee Rural Health Network</i>
Jessica Moore	<i>PEPPI Head Start</i>
Brandon Agosto	<i>FoundCare – ARTAS</i>
Sara Mendoza	<i>Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies</i>
Antonela Pena	<i>FL Community Health Center</i>
Alexa Lee	<i>PBC Behavioral Health Coalition</i>
Catherine Martinez	<i>Resident</i>
Teri Mitze	<i>Aide for State Representative Kelly Skidmore</i>
Gabriel Munoz	<i>Youth Services Dept. Glades site</i>
Margaret Humphrey	<i>Lutheran Services FL</i>
Deisy Corona	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
Shirlon St. Amour	<i>Dept. of Juvenile Justice</i>
Robin Jones	<i>FAU CARD</i>
Ruby Rodriguez	<i>Found Care</i>
Anna Harper	<i>Children's Medical Services</i>
Clara Hessing	<i>Youth Services Dept.</i>
LaVegas Engram	<i>Well Care</i>
Connie Siskowski	<i>American Assoc. of Caregiving Youth</i>
Rachel Mondesir	<i>Early Learning Coalition</i>
Stacy Corona	<i>Community Partners of S. FL</i>
Jennifer Barrett	<i>Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office</i>

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by PATCH Chair Terri Calsetta, at 9:04 AM
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** All attendees introduced themselves via chat with their name and agency.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE March 16, 2021 AGENDA:** Jerry Leakey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Charlene Ford. The board approved unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE February 16, 2021 MINUTES:** Marcia Bahia made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Fanny Jackson. The board approved unanimously.
5. **Dr. Charlene Ford was elected as the new board vice chair:** Marcia Bahia made a motion to nominate Dr. Charlene Ford as the new board vice chair, seconded by Fanny Jackson. The board approved unanimously.
6. **SPEAKER:** Sheree Wolliston provided a presentation about the mission, services, and responsibilities of the **American Heart Society**. The AHS advocates against systems, laws, and customs that perpetuate structural racism/inequities in health care. The organization focuses on nutrition, exercise, smoke free, blood pressure, self-monitoring, and health care connections. The Black population have a higher death rate and hospitalization rate for health related conditions. AHS is involved in school projects such as the “Kids Heart Challenge,” “Teaching Garden” and cooking demonstration. [Sheree.wolliston@heart.org](mailto:Sheree.wolliston@heart.org)
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - **Communications Committee:** No report.
  - **Teen/Parent Connection Committee:** Marcia Bahia is still offering virtual Gang Prevention / Crime Prevention / Lifetime of Consequences Workshop for teens and parents.
  - **Health & Wellness Committee:** Jerry Leaky reported on behalf of Lisa Wiese. At the last meeting, members shared culturally relevant information as to Covid.
  - **Policies and Procedures Committee:** No updates. The annual meeting will be held in April.
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** Marcia Bahia asked PATCH members and guests to review the Service Providers Excel Spreadsheet and to send the agency’s contact and services information to Terri Calsetta. The spreadsheet will not be available for the public.
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - **Jessica Moore (PEPPI Head Start):** PEPPI Head Start is accepting applications for the 2020/2021 school year. This includes children with a diagnosed disability as well as suspected disability. A diagnosed disability includes those children that currently have an IEP for speech and language,

etc. Services offered include preschool education, VPK, family advocacy, health and disability services, nutritional meals and snacks, and field trips. To apply, visit PEPPi Head Start at 301 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Glade or call 561 996-1718 to schedule an appointment.

[Jessica.moore@lsfnet.org](mailto:Jessica.moore@lsfnet.org).

- **Marcia Bahia (PBSO):** Announced that April is Reentry Awareness Month and that many events will be hosted in PBC, virtual and in-person. [bahiam@pbsso.org](mailto:bahiam@pbsso.org)
- **Gabriel Munoz (Youth Services Department):** Currently accepting referrals for family, parenting, individual, and Individual School Based Therapy. Vacant position for a Licensed Therapist in the West office, LCSW or LMHC professionals are welcome to apply. [gmunoz@pbcgov.org](mailto:gmunoz@pbcgov.org)
- **Ruby Rodriguez (FoundCare):** Provide case management, non-medical case management Ryan White services, and early intervention services.
- **Connie Siskowski (American Assoc. of Caregiving Youth):** Serving middle and high schools in PBC including Belle Glade and Pahokee. Announced free Virtual Catch Up Conference on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – two sessions of 2 hours and three speakers/hour to highlight what is new in preparation for an in-person conference in November 2021. [www.aacy.org](http://www.aacy.org). [connie@aacy.org](mailto:connie@aacy.org)
- **Anna Harper (Children’s Medical Services):** Looking for information on networking meetings and community events. Offers 7-10 minute presentations at virtual events. [Anna.harper@wellcare.com](mailto:Anna.harper@wellcare.com) 561 323-8337.
- **Sara Mendoza (HMHB):** Announced a virtual event (will provide CEU) on August 18, 2021. Dr. Tabb Dina will discuss how perinatal mental disorders affect women of various races and will also present patient engaged strategies to reduce perinatal mental health disparities. To register: [www.hmhbpbpc.org](http://www.hmhbpbpc.org). Serving pregnant mothers in the community virtually. Zoom classes are being offered (child birth classes, infant CPR, breastfeeding, pre-natal yoga, safety around the home, and many more). The Belle Glade pantry is still running every Tuesday from 9AM to 3:30PM. Assist mothers with diapers, formula, and baby food. 561 517-2541 [smendoza@hmhbpbpc.org](mailto:smendoza@hmhbpbpc.org).
- **Brandon Agosto (FoundCare):** Provide linkage services to the minority population living with HIV in PBC. 561 472-2466 ext. 236 and [bagost@foundcare.org](mailto:bagost@foundcare.org)
- **Karis Engle (Glades Initiative):** Assisting residents to access health and human services in the Glades. Provide a weekly food distribution to anyone in need. The weekly Eblast posts the weekly newsletter and online calendar. Any activity, program, or event information happening in the Glades to be posted, access: [updates@gladesinitiative.com](mailto:updates@gladesinitiative.com).
- **Patrice Schroeder (211):** Announced the Summer Camp Scholarships offered through PBC Youth Services for children between the ages of 5-14 and special population up to age 17. It allows parents to work with the knowledge that their children are safe and gives children educational and recreational opportunities for growth. The scholarship includes all tuition and fees for

children residing in families with income at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Registration started January 22-April 2, 2021. The 211's Online Resource Directory is always available by simply clicking on "Get Help Now." 211 Helpline is celebrating 50 years! 211 is available by dialing 2-1-1 or texting zip code to 898211, 24/7. Online chat also available at [www.211.palmbeach.org](http://www.211.palmbeach.org) from 10 AM to 8 PM. The 211 advocacy programs are still up and running and available. "Help me Grow" provides growth/developmental/behavioral health screenings for children 0-8 years. The Special Needs Helpline supports and assists families and caregivers of children with disabilities (0-22 years) in finding needed services. Also, 211 Elder Crisis Outreach program helps connect vulnerable seniors to critical services and their Sunshine daily calls to seniors is now expanding to give a daily call to caregivers 18 and older caregiving for another adult. 211 MYFLVET program provides peer support to veterans and also helps the veteran and their families find resources and services. [Patrice.schroeder@211pbtc.org](mailto:Patrice.schroeder@211pbtc.org). 561 383-1149.

- **Cylenia Mann (Community Partners of S. FL):** BRIDGES at Pahokee is a program funded by the Children's Services Council of PBC to help parents raise children to be healthy, safe, and strong. BRIDGES neighborhood hubs are located in 10 areas throughout PBC, each operated by a local nonprofit. BRIDGES connect local families to community resources so more children are born healthy, remain free from abuse and neglect, are ready for kindergarten, and have increased access to quality afterschool and summer programs. Visit [www.bridgespbc.org](http://www.bridgespbc.org) to see monthly calendars. BRIDGES focus on pregnant women and families with children from ages zero to eight. [cmann@cp-cto.org](mailto:cmann@cp-cto.org) and 561 924-9224 for Pahokee. WTEC is currently enrolling students for the upcoming Medical Sciences cohort to begin in late April.
- **Shirlon St. Amour (DJJ):** Announced the Gaining Appreciation by Adjusting Perspectives (GAAP) virtual dialogue between juvenile justice involved youth and local law enforcement officers throughout PBC. The dialogue will take place on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6-8PM. [Shirlon.stamour@djj.state.fl.us](mailto:Shirlon.stamour@djj.state.fl.us) and 561 882-3600 ext. 149.
- **Tiffany Parrish (LORHN):** Identify at-risk individuals or currently individuals using opioid prescriptions and/or drugs. Will link individuals to treatment and support services. Provides community education about opioids. Work with various partners to screen residents for social needs and provide linkage, assistance, and advocacy for them to meet those needs. [tparrish@hcsef.org](mailto:tparrish@hcsef.org) or 772 634-4552. Also, assisting residents access COVID vaccine. Will help coordinate transportation for seniors, via their health insurance, to take them to the vaccine appointment.
- **Fanny Jackson (Susan G. Komen):** Offers Treatment Assistance Program, a national program, for anyone going through breast cancer treatment. The Patient Navigation Program assists patients by identifying any barriers that could present and interruption in the continuum of their breast cancer treatment. Some barriers include transportation, food insecurities, legal issues, housing, etc. The TAP is providing \$300 once every 12-month awards to patients in active treatment. Will assist patients with the application process for the Treatment Assistance Program. Working in

partnership with Lakeside Medical Center, the FL Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program and other organizations throughout PBC and statewide. [fjackson@komen.org](mailto:fjackson@komen.org) 561 227-1726. Helpline is 877 GO KOMEN. Website: [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org).

- **Dr. Charlene Ford (West Tech):** Seeking 2-part time instructors to teach/train within our Medical Sciences Program which is comprised by two pathways: Home Health Aide and Phlebotomy with plans to expand into a third program. Contact [Charlene.ford@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:Charlene.ford@palmbeachschools.org) or 56 829-4620.
- **Alexa Lee (PBCBHC):** Asked members to complete a survey “Understanding Your Knowledge and Experience with Pain Medication” in order to help support the community and to develop prevention strategies. [alexalee@pbcbhc.org](mailto:alexalee@pbcbhc.org). Click below for the survey.

<https://research.zarca.com/survey.aspx?k=RWsXVVsYQVsPsPsP&lang=0&data=&fbclid=IwAR32x0FQL2napQ-btPlPA5-kvFIB8wF2UZOlxXBWII56jgULs1KbtgDOotU>

- **Stacey Corona (Community Partners of S. FL):** School-based afterschool program at Pahokee Elementary and Canal Point Elementary. Serve children 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades. Currently seeking mentors and students. Mentors will work with children to help build student social and emotional well-being. [scorona@cp-cto.org](mailto:scorona@cp-cto.org) and 561 779-1186. [www.cp-cto.org](http://www.cp-cto.org)
- **Jen Barrett (PBSO):** Questions about the Human Trafficking Coalition, contact [barrettj@pbsso.org](mailto:barrettj@pbsso.org)
- **Margaret Humphrey (Lutheran Services FL – South Bay Head Start):** Recruiting children between the ages of six weeks to five years old for the current school year and the 2021-2022 school year. [Margaret.humphrey@lsfnet.org](mailto:Margaret.humphrey@lsfnet.org), 561 459-0456 or 561 993-9603.
- **Rachel Mondesir (Early Learning Coalition):** Offering a 3Ts parent workshop for parents in the Glades area with children from 0-3. [Rachel.mondesir@elcpalmbeach.org](mailto:Rachel.mondesir@elcpalmbeach.org) and 561 600-9423.
- **Jerry Leaky (Legal Aid Society):** Children’s Healthcare Advocacy Project (CHAP) is available to help remove barriers to care for children in medical, dental, behavioral, and mental healthcare. Jerry Leakey and Ana Perez Prince can be reached via email (preferred because they are mostly working remotely) or phone. Jerry – [jleakey@legalaidpbc.org](mailto:jleakey@legalaidpbc.org) (561) 655-8944 ext. 252. Ana – [aperezprince@legalaidpbc.org](mailto:aperezprince@legalaidpbc.org) (561) 655-8944 ext. 281.  
Also available to prepare a Health Care Surrogate for Minors document for any children in Palm Beach County to help their parents/guardians put a plan in place to name a surrogate to step in if they are unavailable or unable. For example, the surrogate could bring the child to the doctor and make health care decisions on the child’s behalf. The pandemic has been another reminder that it is important to plan ahead before an emergency need arises.
- **Antonela Pena (FL Community Health Center):** [apena@fchcinc.org](mailto:apena@fchcinc.org) and 561 490-7423. The Pahokee center offers pediatrics, adult primary care, STI/HIV test screening, lab, prescription by mail sliding fee discount, care and health management. Promoting HIV prevention and PrEP.

**10. Deisy Corona (Catholic Charities):** Providing assistance to clients with rental/utilities needs and for food stamps/Medicaid recertification. [Dcorona@ccdpb.org](mailto:Dcorona@ccdpb.org) and 561 924-5677.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Marcia Bahia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry Leaky. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

*The next meeting is scheduled for*

*April 20th, 2021 at 9:00am*

*Speaker: Sheree Wolliston (American Heart Society)*

*held via Zoom*

<https://pbsso.zoom.us/j/95325794629?pwd=dm5MMkZJdnUxaCsrTFFhWUxxWkh6dz09>