



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

*Held at Via Zoom*

**Board Members Present:**

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Karis Engle	<i>Glades Initiative</i>
Jerry Leaky	<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>
Charlene Ford	<i>West Technical Education Center</i>
Lisa Wiese	<i>FAU College of Nursing</i>
Patrice Schroeder	<i>211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast</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>
Kathlyn Belizaire	<i>PBC Behavioral Health Coalition</i>
Myra Howie	<i>FL Community Health Center</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>
Rosaline Jocurin	<i>FoundCare - ARTAS</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>
Diana Gomez	<i>Sunshine Health Plans</i>
Sylvia Hill	<i>Lutheran Services FL</i>
Arturo Parham	<i>Boys Town South FL</i>
Antonela Pena	<i>FL Community Health Center</i>
Myra Howie	<i>FL Community Health Center</i>

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by PATCH Secretary, Marcia Bahia, at 9:06 AM
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** All attendees introduced themselves with their name and agency.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AGENDA:** Karis Engle made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Lisa Wiese. The board approved unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2021 MINUTES:** Lisa Wiese made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Charlene Ford. The board approved unanimously.
5. **Jerry Leaky was elected as a new board member:** Karis Engle made a motion to elect Jerry Leaky as a new board member, seconded by Marcia Bahia. The board approved unanimously. Board is currently seeking nominations for the **Vice President** position.
6. **SPEAKER:** Rosaline Jocurin showcased the services provided by FoundCare ARTAS: Link individuals diagnosed with HIV for medical care, establish a work relationship with clients before transferring them to a case manager for long term care. FoundCare is available to assist other agencies. Provides telehealth and/or in person meetings. Distribution of condoms. Walk-ins are welcome.
  - **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
    - **Communications Committee:** Lisa Wiese confirmed PATCH speakers until and including May 2021. The PATCH business meeting will be held in April. Lisa invited providers who would like to present at future meetings. PATCH will not meet in June and July.
    - **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:** Lisa Wiese invited members to the virtual meeting after the PATCH meeting. Announced that CONVIVA will hold a Health Care Fair on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - **Policies and Procedures Committee:** No reporting.
7. **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.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jessica Moore (PEPPI Head Start):** PEPPI Head Start at 301 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Belle Glade, or call 561 996-1718 and [Jessica.moore@lsfnet.org](mailto:Jessica.moore@lsfnet.org).
- **Gabriel Munoz (Youth Services Department):** Continues offering free family, individual, and school based individual/group therapy services for youth age 0-22 and their families in the Glades area. Vacant position for a Licensed Therapist in the West office, any LCSW or LMHC professionals are welcome to apply.
- **Rosaline Jocurin (Foundcare):** Offering affordable, high quality, patient centered health care. Offers pediatric and adult primary care, chronic disease management, behavioral health services, dentistry, pharmacy all in one location.
- **Dr. Charlene Ford (West Tech):** Offering 1) Medical Sciences virtual open house today via Facebook at 12PM, 2) Forklift Operator & Safety 3-yr certification, \$200, Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, pre-registration required, 3) Substitute Teacher Training and Certification. Additional information and registration for all programs can be found on the Facebook page, website, and/or call the school.
- **Michelle Williams (Lutheran Services):** Recruiting children ages 6 weeks to age five for program term 2021-2022.
- **Ruby Rodriguez (FoundCare):** Provide case management, non-medical case management Ryan White services, early intervention services.
- **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):** 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 are. Provide a weekly food distribution to anyone in need. The weekly Eblast can post in the weekly newsletter and online calendar, any activity, program, or event information that is happening in the Glades. Send the information to be posted to [updates@gladesinitiative.com](mailto:updates@gladesinitiative.com). The Senior Support Program is focused on vulnerable seniors in the Glades who have limited family support.

- **Patrice Schroeder (211): 211 Helpline celebrating 50 years!** Indicated that during the first several months of the pandemic, 211 Helpline & Crisis Line received over 350 requests for help per day with 9 requests concerning crisis/suicide. 211 is expecting the next third bigger wave of mental health crisis. 211 is available by dialing 2-1-1 or texting zip code to 898211, 24/7. Online chat is also available at [211palmbeach.org](http://211palmbeach.org) from 10am to 8pm. 211's advocacy programs are still up and running, and available for the Glades community. Help ME Grow provides growth/developmental/behavioral health screenings for children 0-8 yrs. The Special Needs Helpline supports and assists families and caregivers of children with disabilities (0-22 yrs.) in finding needed services. Also, 211's 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 of all ages. 211's MYFLVET program provides peer to peer support to veterans and helps veterans and their families find resources and services. Individuals can access 211 online directory of services that includes local, state, and national information at [www.211palmbeach.org](http://www.211palmbeach.org) and click on "Get Help Now" or dial 2-1-1 or text individual's zip code to 898211 24/7. VITA- tax assistance for those whose income for 2020 was \$66,00 or less. BG Library, Bridges of BG and Royal Palm. Call 2-1-1 [Patrice.schroeder@211pbtc.org](mailto:Patrice.schroeder@211pbtc.org). 561 383-1149
- **Tiffany Parrish (LORHN):** Identify at-risk individuals or currently 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.
- **Fanny Jackson (Susan G. Komen):** Offers Treatment Assistance Program, a national program, for anyone going through breast cancer treatment. Assist patients by identifying any barriers that could present and interruption in the continuum of their breast cancer treatment. Will assist patients with the application process for the Treatment Assistance Program and for services provided by other agencies. [fjackson@komen.org](mailto:fjackson@komen.org) 561 275-3647. Helpline is 877 GO KOMEN. Website: [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org).
- **Margaret Humphrey (Lutheran Services FL – South Bay Head Start):** Facility provides child care for children between the ages of six weeks to five years old. [Margaret.humphrey@lsfnet.org](mailto:Margaret.humphrey@lsfnet.org)
- **Arturo Parham (Boys Town):** Provides in-home family services/common sense parenting. Contact 954 803-1907 and [Arturo.parham@boystown.org](mailto:Arturo.parham@boystown.org).
- **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.

- **Lisa Wiese (FAU Nursing):** Email [lwiese@health.fau.edu](mailto:lwiese@health.fau.edu) in order to attend the PATCH Health and Wellness Committee meeting. Faith Health Educators available to conduct church outreach regarding brain health. Text 561 573-5765.
  - **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.
  - **Pastor Rease (First Missionary Baptist Church):** Contact 561 829-1459 for assistance with COVID vaccines in the Glades.
  - **Myra Howie (FL Community Health Centers):** Center in Pahokee that provides affordable quality health care, and addresses SDOH. [mhowie@fchcinc.org](mailto:mhowie@fchcinc.org)
9. **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*

*March 16, 2021 at 9:00am*

*Speaker: Jennifer Barrett, PBSO Human Trafficking  
held via Zoom*

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