MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH DADE & FLORIDA KEYS
DISTRICT 14
May 08, 2026
10:30 AM
Conference Room, City of Doral, 8402 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, FL 33166

COUNCIL MEMBERS			
Anaibis Roque	Present/Not	Carlos Gallostra	Present/Not
Charles Garavaglia	Present/yes	Iliana Hernandez	Present/yes
Jose Gregorio Jerez	Present/Not	Leonel Morron	Present/yes
Margarita Lanzas	Present/Not	Maria Cristina Clark	Present/Not
Patricia Laskar	Present/Yes	Silvia Perdomo	Present/not
Yanitza Rojas	Present/Yes	Ximena Villacis	Present/Not
Keira Berry	Present/Not	Alicia Salinas - Staff	Present/Not
Mariela Hernandez - Staff	Present/yes	Janet Perales - Staff	Present/yes

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES	
Richard Sullivan, Social Work Supervisor	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Ana Bravo, Geriatric & Extended Care	U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

OPEN SESSION

- Called to order at 10:30 AM
- Open Session Statement

Quorum Established: No
Minutes Approved: No (02/13/2026)

UPDATES/REPORTS

District Ombudsman Manager

- Opening statement read to all in attendance.
- Quorum was not established; 02/13/2026 minutes were not approved.
- Remember the volunteers need to complete the 18 required hours of training to keep certification. Use webinars, training and let manager know to ensure we keep track of these hours in *GetCare*. Check with your manager by July to see where you are.

TRAINING – Miami VA Healthcare System – Community Nursing Home Program – Presenters: Richard Sullivan & Ana Bravo

- They serve as advocates and liaisons for veterans in Long-Term Care, cover Miami Dade and Broward Counties.
- Goal is for veterans to stay at home.
- Currently the VA only has 1 nursing home located at the Miami VA Hospital. The Department works with 8 Community NH in Miami Dade and Broward Counties to accommodate veterans as needed. Staff from VA visits veterans on a regular basis to check on the care provided. VA pays for NH care through the VA CNH Program. Veterans, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance should not be billed.

- Eligibility – to qualify, veterans need to meet medical requirements and have a service-connected disability rating (75% or higher); exceptions made for hospice, short-term stay or low-level rehab, or respite care.
- The VA does not have any contract with ALFs.
- To be affiliated with the VA Community Nursing Home (CNH) Program, nursing homes must has a high point of care score (CMS and AHCA) -Quality of care – 4+ and service 4 +. They are looking at adding another facility in South Dade or Keys.
- Initial meeting is with the resident. They conduct suicide assessments, toxic exposure assessments and share Ombudsman information with the residents. Currently, they have 51 cases in community NHs throughout Miami and Broward counties.
- Homeless Program for Veterans - This program has three tiers. After assessment, veterans are either (1) referred to Salvation Army (shelter); (2) transitional housing (up to 2 years); (3) Section 8 Housing – provided one the veteran is in a stable condition and can care for himself.
- There are 1500 Home Health Cases currently. These veterans receive: caregiver support, veterans' benefits, home health care, and respite care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 2026 LTCOP Conference will be held in Orlando this year. Dates: October 12-15.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.