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| **Healthcare Advocates of Florida**  **Meeting Minutes** | **Date: 5/27/2025** |
| **Agenda Items** | **Notes** |
| **Greetings & Conversations** | * Edna Clifton, longtime advocate with experience working with the QIO, has joined Lori Schellenberg at Stepping Stone Advocacy. * Cathy Bowers brought up the impact of the HR1 bill that passed the House and is now going to the Senate for approval. She provided information for us to read about the impact this bill will have specifically regarding cuts Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP benefits (although he bill also undercuts ACA legislation, which affects us all). Call your Senators to ask them to vote NO on S1. **You can reach your members of Congress by calling 202 224-3121** |
| **Membership Committee**  Anne Llewellyn  Tammy Krack  Maria Vigodsky  **New directory listing**  Link to complete form  <https://forms.office.com/r/DRaFVT0mbG>  **Please complete the from prior to June 10.** | **New directory listing**  ***\*\*Please complete the from prior to June 10\*\****  Link to complete form  <https://forms.office.com/r/DRaFVT0mbG>  We have revised the survey form that members complete to be listed in the HAF directory. We wanted to expand the questionnaire so that it is easier for members to find others for the purpose of making referrals and to collaborate with each other.  The new form requests some personal contact information first, as many of our members do not yet practice as independent advocates when they join. If you have a business or work for an advocacy business, you will continue to complete all sections of the questionnaire related to your business and the services you provide.  Please set aside about 15 minutes to complete the full form, as you cannot save it and go back to it to complete it.  We are going to send out a link to the full membership and ask that everyone complete the survey form.  You must complete this new form in order to be included in the HAF member directory. **Please complete the from prior to June 10.** I would like to have everyone’s submission prior to our next meeting, which is June 17. |
| **HAF in-person meeting** | We discussed the idea of holding an in-person meeting somewhere centrally located, likely in January 2026.  The members in attendance liked the idea and are willing to travel to the Orlando area. Most of our members are located in the Tampa Bay and South Florida areas.  We will send out a survey to gauge interest among the full membership regarding interest, preferred location, and format.  We would hope to obtain some free space and have an option of a nearby hotel for those who wish to stay overnight.  Some ideas for a meeting were offered:   * Offer some CEUs for BCPA certification * Everyone comes prepared to talk about our challenging cases to learn from each other * Shared resources with group, and make those resources available afterward online * Networking opportunities to get to know one another better * Speaker |
| **Healthcare Advocate Summit**  September 2-5, 2025 | Register at <https://www.healthcareadvocatesummit.com/>  Do you plan to attend? If so, let us know and we will try to organize a HAF get together in Las Vegas. |
| **Communications Committee**  Janet Beesting Nelson  Tammy Krack | We are planning to trial a new messaging app called Zulip. It is similar to Slack and Discord but offers some additional features like a customizable user profile and more.  We will trial it with a limited number of users before inviting all HAF members.  **Zulip Community**   * Organization URL: healthcareadvocatesofflorida.zulipchat.com * Organization type: Community   No updates on the GNA Directory—still waiting for GNA to fix a bug. GNA directory : <https://gnanow.org/advocates/group-florida-advocates> |
| **Education Committee**  Cathy Bowers | **CEUs from Healthcare Advocate Summit 2024:**  **Recordings are available for CEUs**  To watch On Demand Videos, sign in to Swap Card, click on Full Agenda, and click on the course title. They will be available for one year.  Other ongoing CEU opportunities:   * Triage Cancer: <https://triagecancer.org> (free) * For a list of pre-approved BCPA CEUs, visit <https://www.pacboard.org/pre-approved-ce-list> |
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| **New Business (15 minutes)** | Next month’s speaker will be KELLY WILSON,  DIRECTOR OF MEDICAID AND HEALTH SERVICES at  [FLORIDA SENIOR LIVING ASSOCIATION](https://www.floridaseniorliving.org/)  Here is a link to her bio:  <https://www.floridaseniorliving.org/team/kelly-wilson> |
| **Next Meeting:** | **Next meeting: June 17 at 4 pm EST**  Link to register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81714303014> |
| **Next Steps:** |  |
| **Attended by:**  If you attended and don’t see your name here, please contact Janet Nelson at JanetNelson@BreakawayHealthSolutions.com | 1. Anne Llewellyn 2. Cathy Bowers 3. Jodie Nolf 4. Edna Clifton 5. Jennifer Littlejohn 6. Betty Ford 7. Laura Hoffman 8. Bonnie Brown 9. Nan Wetherhorn 10. Maria Vigodsky 11. Diane Grusky |