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| **Healthcare Advocates of Florida****Meeting Minutes** | **Date: 8/19/2025** |
| **Agenda Items** | **Notes** |
| **Greetings & Conversations** |  |
| **Speaker**Scott DariusFlorida Voices for Health<https://www.healthyfla.org/>Mission: To create a more accessible and affordable health care system through storytelling and civic engagement. | “What the OBBB Means for Florida Health Care” presented by Scott Darius, was a very informative session. We encourage you to listen to the recording: |
| **Membership Committee**Anne LlewellynTammy KrackMaria 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*****\*\*If you have not completed the form yet, please do so now\*\****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.I would like to have everyone’s submission prior to our next meeting, which is June 17. |
| **HAF in-person meeting** | At the May meeting, we discussed the idea of holding an in-person meeting somewhere centrally located, likely in January 2026. We need to follow up to explore feedback.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
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| **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 NelsonTammy 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 | Triage Cancer **Triage Cancer Conference Registration | OnlineSaturday, October 18, 2025**<https://triagecancer.org/conferences/october-2025>Triage Cancer has a free online seminar on October 18, 2025 10 am - 6:30 pm EST. CEUs available for nurses, SWers, BCPAs, etc. Register by October 1 to receive free materials and a gift bag. "Join us for a free, one-day event designed to help you navigate the legal, financial, and practical challenges that come with a chronic or serious medical diagnosis."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 Meeting:** | **Next meeting: August 19 at 4 pm EST**Link to register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81714303014> |
| **Next Steps:** | * Contact members who have not yet completed the new form to be included in the HAF directory
* Survey group regarding interest in an in-person meeting in early 2025.
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| **Attended by:** If you attended and don’t see your name here, please contact Janet Nelson at JanetNelson@BreakawayHealthSolutions.comThis meeting was open to All Florida Case Management and Healthcare Advocates of Florida | 1. Speaker Darius Scott
2. Acadia Jacob (Florida Voices for Health)
3. Anne Llewellyn
4. Cathy Bowers
5. Janet Nelson
6. Agnes Compagnone
7. Amber Weeks
8. Amy Sosa
9. Angela Mounsey
10. Angie Peters
11. Ashley Kolb
12. Betty Ford
13. Brynn Taylor
14. Carolyn Gallimore
15. Christina Sanchez
16. Damara Hutchins
17. Dawn LaBelle
18. Dawn Rider
19. Debra Emery
20. Dena Raulerson
21. Denise Bartley-Hinds
22. Elena Baba
23. Ellen Calish
24. Ellen Kallaher
25. Gennorriss Scott
26. Ginny Moore
27. Heidi Hamm
28. Jackee Ndwaru McGlamery
29. Jade Dowdy
30. Jazmin Garcia
31. Jeanene Ruska
32. Jennifer Rodriguez
33. Joyce Schulz-Killian
34. Kamisha Busby
35. Karen Banks
36. Kristy Therrien
37. Laura Dietrich
38. Laura Hoffman
39. Lauri Grady
40. Maggie Baumer
41. Maria Vigodsky
42. Maureen Rulson
43. Melissa Saunders
44. Michelle Anderson-Johnson
45. Molly McGee
46. Myrna West
47. Nancy Menard
48. Nikki M
49. Patrice Ervin
50. Robert Kesler
51. Sandra Arias
52. Sandra Kahn
53. Shuntee Sright
54. Stephanie Kearbey
55. Tammy Sirmons
56. Terri Mack
57. Tony Price-Ashley
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