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| **Healthcare Advocates of Florida**  **Meeting Minutes** | **Date: 8/19/2025** |
| **Agenda Items** | **Notes** |
| **Greetings & Conversations** |  |
| **Speaker**  Scott Darius  Florida 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 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**  ***\*\*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 |
| **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 | Triage Cancer  **Triage Cancer Conference Registration | Online Saturday, 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> |
| **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. |
| **Attended by:**  If you attended and don’t see your name here, please contact Janet Nelson at [JanetNelson@BreakawayHealthSolutions.com](mailto:JanetNelson@BreakawayHealthSolutions.com)  This 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 58. Valerie Duncan 59. Willa Owten 60. 7277255224 61. 8502946754 |

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