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## Glades Technical Advisory Committee Minutes

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Meeting Title: Glades Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Facilitator: Houston Tate, Director  
Scribe (recorder): Audley Reid, Senior Planner  
Date/Time: November 21, 2019, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: South Bay

### Meeting Attendance:

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### Meeting Minutes

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Comments: Mr. Tate called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Lords' Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Special Presentations

Ms. Lois Monroe, Branch Director of the Farmworker Coordinating Council of PBC, Inc. provided an overview of the work and services undertaken by the FCC and how Glades residents' can access them.

FCC services are offered to farmworkers as well as Glades senior citizens.

She encouraged attendees to read the provided literature and access the FCC website to learn more about the People In Need program (PIN). The PIN program helps non-farmworker individuals and families that have unmet needs but that do not qualify for other FCC programs intended for farmworkers. Some of the services provided by this program includes: case management, emergency rental/utility assistance, distribution of food and clothing, transportation, etc.

Ms. Monroe stated that the FCC also provides referrals for those looking for legal assistance (through Florida Legal Services) as well as assistance applying for health insurance.

The FCC also works with Palm Tran to provide transportation services for seniors. Bus Passes are \$15 to \$20 dollars but passes for some residents can also be accessed free of charge. Ms. Monroe asked those interested to call the FCC for more specific information.

The FCC provides emergency assistance for residents who are delinquent in payments for rent or water

services.

Question – What do you need to show in order to access this service?

Ms. Monroe stated that proof in the form of a bill showing delinquency must be present, she encouraged attendees to call the FCC or her directly to receive more details on this program.

The FCC also has a USDA sponsored food pantry program that provides food and related products to residents.

Question: Is this available only to farmworkers?

Ms Monroe: No, all residents are welcome on a first come first serve basis.

Question: Where do we go to access this?

Ms Monroe: There are non-client weeks that take place every other Wednesday at 2 P.M. Lines do tend to be longer for non-client weeks that client weeks which occur every Wednesday.

Ms Monroe also addressed how one qualifies as a client for some of the services. She stated that access to some services are income-dependent. Last year, a single person could access services if they had an income not exceeding \$16,800. This year the threshold has been lowered to \$12,500.

Question: What do we need to bring with us when we first meet with the FCC?

Ms Monroe: Make sure to take a picture I.D., income statements, S.S.N, when we meet with you.

Ms. Monroe also mentioned the Anquan Boldin Foundations will be hosting their annual toy giveaway. Those interested in participating must apply online.

Comment from Dr. McNeil-Executive Dean PBSC-Belle Glade Campus: PBSC offers senior citizen students a waiver of tuition up to 75%.

Ms. Monroe concluded her presentation by welcoming attendees to contact her directly or the FCC general line for more information on the wide array of services offered by the FCC.

### **3. Adjournment**

Comments: The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Approved by: Houston L. Tate, Director \_\_\_\_\_