

POSSESS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MARCH 19, 2026, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Call meeting to order at 10:03 AM

Welcome – Janet Briscoe

Training: Self-Care Relief Presentation w/Medication by Susan Perry, Wellness Consultant with CommonHealth – **“Take 10 For You and how to relax.”** Exercise to take stress away. Monday Moves link was posted in the chat. She will try to post the video and PowerPoint in the chat afterwards as well.

New Business:

1. **December 2025 Meeting Minutes Approval as presented.**

Motion: Christy Little **Seconded by:** Eileen Fields

2. **Update on Spring Elections** – Reminder to vote by email, we only had 30 votes, and we have over 200 members. Please take 5 minutes to vote. This is your right as a member to vote. If you don't know your membership number, please reach out to one of the board members and we can get it for you.
3. **By-Law Changes** – Board of directors have proposed the by-law changes. We want to add another board position; this position would be the Past President. This position would help with continuity and support for the board. This position is only a 2-year term. So, after 2 years, the past president would rotate off. The wording is in the proposed changes that will be sent out and voted on at the business meeting. If you are not going and would like to have an input regarding this position, please send any issues about the change to Janet so she can bring it to the business meeting at conference. She will be sending the By-Laws revisions out later today or tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

1. **Professional Development** – Janet reported that Dhaniella has been working on conference and the workshops. Please get your registration in. Workshops will include some of the following: Keith Thomas – Thomas Brothers, C-EBT Coordinators, Separation of Duties, Customer Service – Trauma Informed in Difficult Situations, Barry Davis - State AI, Red Cross- Sheltering and Being Prepared for Opening a Shelter. We have a lot of really good workshops for Spring Conference. The conference will be in Williamsburg, April 28-May 1. Janet Encouraged everyone to get their registrations in to attend. We have added another hotel to this

conference. Right now, we are in the mid 60's of registered participants. You can attend any of the workshops at the conference either POSSESS or BPRO.

2. **Fundraising – Melissa Hill** – At the last conference talked about doing the popcorn fundraiser and will be doing the Gift Card Tree again. Fundraising helps us to do different things and helps to lower cost of our conference, and it goes back to the members. This helps pay for our website and other items for the organization.
3. **Technology – Ann-Marie Giannini** – She is finally utilizing help with the website with people be on the technology committee. Working on giving them access to the website so they can go in and see how it works and see what we can do to make it better.
4. **Sunshine – Melissa Hill** – We will be doing our bingo at conference.
5. **Networking – Janet Briscoe** – Will be sending out the lovely emails for Network groups. Task base group will be working on a connection workshop.
6. **Membership** – Ann May sent report to Chris Edwards – we met on February 11, 2026. Kristal Smith has taken on the responsibility of creating a new flyer for Directors and Office Managers to let agencies know about POSSESS and encourage them to become members if not already. Kristal has also taken on the responsibility of creating a survey to send to the Directors and Office Manager to find out if their agency is a member and the reason why not if they are not and to find out what the agency likes about POSSESS or would like to see going forward. Increasing membership costs will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

The new flyer and survey will go out prior to the new membership year.

Open Discussion:

1. **Break-Out Group Discussion** – Two questions: What activity are you looking forward to the spring and summer most? And since it is springtime what activity or area are you planning on working on in your locality?
2. Next meeting will be June 10, 2026 @ 10:00 am Virtually.

Adjournment: Janet Briscoe adjourned the meeting at 11:42.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Edwards, Secretary

Attendees: Membership Meeting March 19, 2026

- 1. Janet Briscoe**
- 2. Christopher Edwards**
- 3. Amber Graham**
- 4. Lynette Babilonia**
- 5. Raymond Campbell**
- 6. Wanda Carroll**
- 7. Jeannie Chaman**
- 8. Jackie Clayton**
- 9. Jackie Crews**
- 10. Erica Curry**
- 11. Sandra Earnshaw**
- 12. Sherranne Fore-Anerson**
- 13. Ann-Marie Giannini**
- 14. Ayrielle Hunt**
- 15. Nahashi Jenkins**
- 16. Jennifer E. Williams**
- 17. Catherine Kirley**
- 18. Kelly Lender**
- 19. Lisa M. Ortega**
- 20. Joseph Mack**
- 21. Magali Brownfiel**
- 22. Melissa Minter**
- 23. Perette Monaghan**
- 24. Selina Morgan**
- 25. Vicky Morris**
- 26. Tina Noren**
- 27. Taisha Parrish**
- 28. Patricia Perkins**
- 29. Susan Perry**
- 30. Melissa Press**
- 31. Tracy Reece**
- 32. Jenifer Schier**
- 33. Jody Seale**
- 34. Siri Cohlmeier**
- 35. Kristal Smith**
- 36. Jennifer Swatz**
- 37. Freda Venable**
- 38. Victoria Voegel**
- 39. Kristy Cox**
- 40. Kamesha Watson**
- 41. Pati Ward**
- 42. Luisa Rodriguez**

- 43. Johanna Arauz Ponce de Leon**
- 44. Celene Pumphrey**
- 45. Diana Jones**
- 46. Tanika Kendrick**
- 47. Melissia Hill**
- 48. Kendra Howard**
- 49. Parker Clark**
- 50. Kayleigh Whitley**
- 51. Shasity Jones**
- 52. Sherry Drew**
- 53. Patrina George**
- 54. Presosa Serrano**
- 55. Eileen Fields**