

Disability Advisory Board Meeting

June 12, 2017

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 2:08 p.m. on June 12, 2017, at the 2010 E. Michigan St., Facilities Training Center Meeting Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Chairperson Brian Michaels opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken by Michaels. Board members present were: Chairperson Brian Michaels, Joe Waczewski and Jose Fernandez. Not present were Sandra Algarin, Elizabeth McCarthy, Tiffany E. Namey, Marcelino Rivera and Kirk Root. A quorum was not present. Michaels opened an informal meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Michaels welcomed board members and attendees to the sixth Disability Advisory Board meeting for 2017. Others present were Citizen Resource and Outreach Division staff—Interim ADA Advisor Samme Ripley and Project Coordinator Judi Kerr; Community Advisors – Reed Stephan, Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Sue Koziol, Quest Inc.; Lisa Rivera, Logistacare; Jasinth Lawrence, Center for Independent Living (CIL); Chuck Carmen, Epilepsy Association of Central Florida; Stephanie Wheeler, UCF Disability Studies; Kelly James and Janice Hameline, Florida Department of Education—Division of Blind Services; presenter Todd Stalbaum, Orange County EMS Office; and member of the public Eiljjah Harper (VCC student).

Community Advisors reported on: Reed Stephan, APD Cares, reported that the 2017 budget was signed; Sue Koziol, Quest, Inc., provided an update on the Waterford Lakes 48 beds unit which is currently under construction. She also reported another successful Wine Quest fundraising event; Lisa Rivera, Logistacare, did not have any event news to report; Jasinth Lawrence, CIL, reported that their annual Rampage event is underway and CIL is looking for volunteers to help build home access ramps; Chuck Carmen, Epilepsy Association of Central Florida, reports they received two grants from

the WO Women's Health League to cover MRI's and EEG's for clients; Stephanie Wheeler, UCF, did not have any event news report; Kelly James, Florida Department of Education—Division of Blind Services, did not have any event news to report.

Presentation

Todd Stalbaum with the Orange County EMS Office presented on Hurricane Preparedness and Orange County's Special Needs Registry. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session and discussion.

New Business – Board Member Reports

- Waczewski stated he and ADA Advisor Ripley met with Orange County Veterans Services Officer Tommie Maldonado to learn about services offered to Vets. Waczewski distributed the following brochures to attendees—Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide and Career Source Central Florida. He states he plans to share this information at the next Veterans Adhoc Meeting on September 11, 2017. He shared with the group that the biggest need for Veterans is outreach as many are unaware of the benefits to which they are entitled. Waczewski gave the phone number and address for the Veterans Services Office as 407-836-8990 and 2100 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, Florida 32806.
- Chairperson Michaels, reported that the Division of Blind Services is working on their policy changes to be in conjunction with the Work Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations. Michaels also reminded everyone that there will not be any DAB meetings in July and August with meetings to resume on September 11, 2017.
- Fernandez, who was presented with a plaque of appreciation for 12 years of service at the May 8, 2017 DAB meeting, stated that this is his last meeting with the DAB. In addition to expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the board, He spoke about his experience as a long time board member and his role as the board chair. Fernandez said he hopes DAB meetings in the future.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

- Meeting Minutes Approval

Board members were issued copies of the draft minutes from the May 8, 2017, meeting to review. Due to no quorum, the minutes could not be approved at this time.

Information - Subcommittee Report Member Reports

Ad-hoc Legislative Subcommittee Vice-Chairperson Fernandez gave the legislative update on bills that the subcommittee was following. He shared the ideas that were discussed in the last meeting which took place on this same date and location from 1 to 2 p.m. He informed the board and attendees that next Ad-hoc Legislative Subcommittee meeting will not take place until December 11, 2017, as the group voted not to hold a meeting in October. He requested to add to September 11, 2017, DAB agenda to discuss preliminary plans for the next legislative ad-hoc and to vote for at least one new member to fill his vacancy.

Ad-hoc Veterans Subcommittee Chairperson Waczewski requested that the board vote to add Sandra Algarin as an official member of the Veterans Adhoc Subcommittee. He stated the next meeting will take place on September 11, 2017 at a new location at 2100 E. Michigan St., Orlando, Florida 32806, from 1 to 2 p.m.

New Business – ADA Advisor Report/County News/Introductions

Advisor Ripley informed the board that July 26, 2017, is the 27th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with details at www.adaanniversary.org. She also reminded the group to check out the disability compendium seminars during the summer months.

Meeting Adjournment

Michaels asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fernandez made a motion to adjourn with a second by Waczewski. The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m. The next meeting will be held at a new location on Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Family Services Building, 2100 E. Michigan St., 2nd Floor Conference Rm., Orlando, FL 32806 from 2-4 p.m. Any changes will be noted in the posted meeting agenda per Orange County regulations regarding meeting notifications.