Disability Advisory Board Meeting

October 09, 2017

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 2:09 p.m. on Monday October 09, 2017, at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806. ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade opened the meeting and roll was taken by Tiffany Namey. Board members present were: Elizabeth McCarthy, Tiffany E. Namey and Marcelino Rivera. Not present were: Chairperson Brian Michaels, Vice-chairperson Kirk Root, Joe Waczewski, and Sandra Algarin. A quorum was not established.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Dianne Arnold, Family Services Manager, welcomed board members and attendees to the meeting. Arnold stated there were no board meetings held in July and August, and the board meeting scheduled for September 11th was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. Disability Advisory Board Community Advisors present were: Lisa M. Rivera, LogistiCare; Johny V. Pierre, Florida Department of Education; and Sue K. Koziol, Quest, Inc. Also present was Heather Thomas (in place of Donna Wyche) with The Mental Health and Homelessness Division.

Presentation

Heather Thomas with The Mental Health and Homelessness Division presented on the Central Receiving Center and provided general information on activities related to mental health. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and discussion.

Board Member Reports

Namey advised that she is working with local legislators on a mental health parity bill which would have required minimums for mental health treatment.

Community Advisor Reports

Lisa M. Rivera provided a list of transportation providers that LogistiCare brokers for. Rivera also explained some of the requirements for LogistiCare drivers, how they differ from UBER drivers, and the timeframe surrounding setting appointments for service for different types of health needs.

Sue K. Koziol advised of their upcoming fundraiser, Casino Night, to be held at the Winter Park Civic Center on Friday October 20, 2017. The fundraiser will benefit Quest Kids and the Quest Kids Academy programs. Koziol provided an update on Quest Village stating that the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy could be as early as November. Koziol also gave a brief description of the population her organization serves.

Johny V. Pierre spoke on the early intervention STAR Program, including vocational and job placement for students with disabilities.

Subcommittee Member Reports

Ad-hoc Legislative Subcommittee October meeting was cancelled, so no updates were available. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 11, 2017.

New Business – ADA Program Manager Report/County News/Introductions

Arnold provided a brief summary on the Financial Inclusion Summit for Persons with Disabilities hosted by the National Disability Institute (NDI); Arnold and Ashmeade attended.

Arnold welcomed and introduced Ashmeade as the new ADA Program Manager.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

Board members were issued copies of the draft minutes from the May 8, 2017 and June 12, 2017 meetings to review. A quorum was not established so minutes could not be approved.

Namey motioned for a special meeting to discuss and decide on topics to present to our legislatures in November, and the motion was second by McCarthy. Ashmeade stated she would contact Chairperson Brian Michaels to inform him of the motion.

Arnold stated she would contact Bill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of Elections, to request having the November 13, 2017 board meeting at the Supervisor of Elections Office. Once a location is confirmed, Ashmeade will communicate the information to the board members and advisors.

Meeting Adjournment

Ashmeade asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rivera made a motion to adjourn with a second by McCarthy, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday November 13, 2017 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – location to be determined and announced.