

Disability Advisory Board Meeting

December 11, 2017

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 2:01 p.m. on Monday December 11, 2017, at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Chairperson Brian Michaels opened the meeting and roll was taken by Vice-Chairperson Kirk Root. Board members present were: Chairperson Brian Michaels, Vice-Chairperson Kirk Root, Tiffany E. Namey, Marcelino Rivera, and Karolyn Campbell. Not present were: Joe Waczewski, Sandra Algarin, and Elizabeth McCarthy. Orange County ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance. A quorum was established and all present in the room pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Michaels welcomed new board member Karolyn Campbell, board members and advisors/attendees to the meeting. Disability Advisory Board Community Advisor present was: Sue K. Koziol, Quest Inc.

Presentation

There were no presentations at the December board meeting.

Board Member Reports

Michaels advised that the Division of Blind Services continues their effort to revise current policies to align with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Michaels also mentioned ongoing talks in committee to combine the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Division of Blind Services (DBS), and discussed some potential pros and cons of such a merger. Michaels completed his report by touching on Career Source and the apprenticeships they offer geared towards youths with disabilities.

Community Advisor Reports

Koziol advised that the Certificate of Occupancy for Quest Village has been received, and their first residents will take possession in the coming weeks; the official grand opening will be in February – more information to come. Koziol spoke on Quest Village and the clientele the facility will serve, and the winter and summer camps that are available for respite care. Koziol spoke on the efforts of Quest Inc. to educate parents of children with disabilities on the services that are available to them earlier in the child's life, as well as the school transition fairs that are hosted by each county to aid families of students with disabilities. Koziol also mentioned Wine Quest, the successful yearly fundraiser hosted by Quest Inc. Wine Quest 2018 will be held on June 1st and 2nd at the Lowes Portofino Hotel – more information to come.

Subcommittee Member Reports

Namey spoke on HR 620 and advised that she was resigning as Chair of the Ad-hoc legislative sub-committee. There was a brief discussion on the impending tax bill and Campbell spoke on implications and the potential impact on Medicare and Medicaid. Michaels stated that he was monitoring the tax bill to stay abreast of the impact on different agencies.

Waczewski and Algarin were not present so no Ad-hoc veterans sub-committee updates were available.

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

Ashmeade expressed the importance of board member participation, and reminded the board that ideas were needed for 2018 presentations. Ashmeade also emailed the board several bills for consideration for 2018 areas of focus. Once suggestions are sent to Ashmeade, they will be compiled and sent to the board for discussion and a vote.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

Board members were issued copies of draft minutes from the November 13, 2017 to review. A quorum was established so Michaels requested a motion to approve the

minutes. Root motioned, motion was seconded by Namey, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

During November's ad-hoc veterans sub-committee meeting, Michaels motioned that Tommie Maldonado with the Orange County Veterans Service be asked to prepare and present a quarterly report to the veterans sub-committee on issues he encounters in the community, share on legislation, upcoming events, as well as other pertinent information; first meeting January 2018. Maldonado will also be asked to prepare and present a report to the full DAB on a yearly basis. Maldonado was agreeable and Ashmeade will coordinate his attendance. The motion was seconded by Waczewski, passed unanimously in the sub-committee, and will be presented to the full board for a vote. Matter was brought to the full board where Namey motioned, Rivera seconded, there was discussion that clarified when Maldonado would potentially attend meetings, and the motion passed unanimously.

Campbell expressed interest in joining the Legislative Ad-hoc subcommittee. Rivera left early so the matter could not be voted on. Campbell was advised that she could attend the sub-committee meetings, and once quorum is establish in a future meetings, the board would move to vote.

Meeting Adjournment

Michaels requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Root motioned, seconded by Namey, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday January 8, 2018 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 2100 E. Michigan Street, ABC Conference Room 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806.