

## **Disability Advisory Board Meeting Ad-hoc Veterans Subcommittee**

**November 13, 2017**

The Ad-hoc Veterans Subcommittee meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 4:03 p.m. on Monday November 13, 2017, at 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806. Ad-hoc Veterans Chairperson Joe Waczewski conducted roll call. Board Members present: Ad-hoc Veterans Chairperson Joe Waczewski, Disability Advisory Board (DAB) Chairperson Brian Michaels, DAB Vice-Chairperson Kirk Root, and Sandra Algarin. Also present was the Orange County ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade. A quorum was established.

### **Purpose Overview**

Waczewski stated the purpose of the sub-committee; “to discuss issues related to veterans with disabilities in the community, report findings and make recommendations to the Disability Advisory Board”.

### **Public Comments**

No members of the public were present at this meeting.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The September Ad-hoc meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. There were no minutes to approve.

### **Action Items to Vote on or Discuss**

A discussion ensued regarding the date of the next Veterans Ad-hoc meeting. Waczewski suggested the next meeting occur immediately following the January 8, 2018 Disability Advisory Board meeting from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Michaels agreed with Waczewski and motioned that the sub-committee meet monthly through June 2018, beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>, then resume an every other month schedule thereafter. The motion was seconded by Algarin and passed unanimously.

Michaels motioned that Tommie Maldonado with Orange County Veterans Service be asked to prepare and present a quarterly report to the subcommittee 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 DAB on a yearly basis. This will be based on Maldonado's availability, and Ashmeade will contact him to discuss this request further. The motion was seconded by Waczewski and passed unanimously.

Waczewski suggested that the Veterans subcommittee focus heavily on legislation that impacts Veterans in 2018. Michaels explained that was the role of the Legislative subcommittee and motioned that the Veterans and Legislative subcommittees commence a joint ad-hoc meeting to discuss and decide on legislation that will be presented to the DAB for focus in 2018. Ashmeade is to contact subcommittee board members, gauge availability, and propose dates for a joint meeting; the goal is for the meeting to occur within the next three months. The motion was seconded by Algarin and passed unanimously.

For the 2018 objectives, Waczewski requested that the subcommittee members compile ideas, submit them to Ashmeade, so they can be presented collectively at the next ad-hoc meeting.

Waczewski requested that Ashmeade compile some bills that impact Veterans to present during the next ad-hoc meeting. Ashmeade will potentially explore legislation regarding mental health, employment, transportation, etc.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Waczewski requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Michaels and seconded by Algarin. This meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2017 4:00 -5:00 p.m., but is subject to change depending on availability for the proposed joint subcommittee meeting. The location however is fixed – 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806.