

Disability Advisory Board Meeting
October 8, 2018

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:10 p.m. on Monday October 8, 2018, at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806. Chairperson Sandra Algarin opened the meeting and proceeded to call roll. Board members present: Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Karolyn Campbell, Daisy Morales, Joe Waczewski, and Beverly Jackson. Orange County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance. Board Members not present: Vice Chairperson Kirk Root, Theresa Smith and Dyolena Jules. A quorum was established, and all present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments

Disability advocate David Bottomley (Orlando, FL.) informed the board that he spoke with Dean Perkins, ADA Coordinator with the Florida Department of Transportation regarding non-compliant bus stops. Bottomley reminded the board of the importance of reporting non-compliance so the problem can be addressed.

Eric & Amanda Varmuza (Tampa, FL) of On-Time Transports spoke on raising awareness for morbidly obese members of the community that must be transported via stretchers. Many times these citizens miss important appointments (doctors, dentist, etc.) because the facility is not equipped to accommodate them.

Welcome and Introductions

Ashmeade welcomed board members and attendees to the meeting. Community Partners present: Lisa Rivera, LogistiCare; Dr. Stephanie Wheeler, University of Central Florida; Janee Old, Career Source Central Florida; Eric & Amanda Varmuza, On-Time Transports; Nanette Stephens, LYNX; David Franqui, LYNX; Virginia Whittington, MetroPlan Orlando; Lisa Smith, MetroPlan Orlando, Victor Felix, Progressive Abilities Support Services.

Presentation

Whittington spoke on MetroPlan Orlando's role as the Designated Official Planning Agency (DOPA), as well as the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) and their responsibilities as it relates to paratransit services in Central Florida. Franqui provided an overview of ACCESS LYNX Mobility Management Services, and shared some of the improvements that LYNX is working towards. Smith and Stephens assisted with the presentations, and at the end, all representatives answered questions from the board.

Board Member Reports

There were no board member reports.

Community Advisor Reports

There were no Community Advisor reports.

Subcommittee Member Reports

There were no Subcommittee reports.

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

There were no Program Manager reports.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

No items were voted on or discussed.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday January 14, 2019, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 2100 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL. 32806, Second Floor ABC Conference Room.