

Disability Advisory Board Meeting Ad-hoc Veterans Subcommittee

February 12, 2018

The Ad-hoc Veterans Subcommittee meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday January 8, 2018, at 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806. Sandra Algarin conducted roll call. Board members present: Sandra Algarin and Karolyn Campbell. Also present were Elizabeth McCarthy and Kirk Root. Board Members not present: Ad-hoc Veterans Chairperson Joe Waczewski. Orange County ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was in attendance. A quorum was established.

Purpose Overview

Ashmeade 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

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The board was presented minutes from the January 12, 2018 meeting to review. Algarin motioned for the minutes to be approved, seconded by Campbell, there was no discussion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

Root expressed interest in joining the veterans sub-committee. There was a short discussion then Algarin motioned. Campbell seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The matter will be presented to the full board in March for vote if a quorum is established.

For the 2018 objectives, the sub-committee voted to focus on veteran’s mental health and homelessness. Ashmeade will research organizations that can provide more

information on what is being done in Orange County, and how the board can help in furthering efforts.

Dr. Stephanie Wheeler with the University of Central Florida was present during the full board meeting. Wheeler mentioned having students that may be able to assist the board on a volunteer basis with special projects. Ashmeade will identify what capacity the students may be able to help in, if any, and will update the board. If the students can be tapped for help of any kind, the board voted that a “Letter of Acknowledgment” detailing their contributions to the board would be provided.

Ashmeade was asked about the Mayor having breakfast with the board again, and “alternate” board members. Ashmeade will circle back with the board on both items during the next sub-committee meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Algarin adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2018, 4:00 -5:00 p.m., - 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806.