

Disability Advisory Board Meeting

April 9, 2018

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 2:03 p.m. on Monday April 9, 2018, at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806. Elizabeth McCarthy opened the meeting and Vice Chairperson Kirk Root called roll. Board members present: Vice Chairperson Kirk Root, Elizabeth McCarthy, Karolyn Campbell, and Supervisor Daisy Morales. Orange County ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance. Board Members not present: Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Joe Waczewski, Theresa Smith, and Dyolena Jules. A quorum was not established, and all present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

McCarthy welcomed board members and advisors/attendees to the meeting. David E. Bottomley, Orange County resident and advocate for Americans with Disabilities was present. Also, one of the Disability Advisory Board new Board Members, Beverly Jackson, board appointment scheduled to commence in May 2018 was also present.

Presentation

Tamela Ponder owner of Joyful Music Therapy spoke on the benefits of Music Therapy. Ponder provided background information on her company, discussed the education needed to become a Board Certified Music Therapist, touched on the population that Joyful Music Therapy serves (persons with special needs and ages from premature infants to senior citizens), and discussed challenges with funding, etc. Ponder also invited the board to Joyful Music Therapy's Spring Recital, which will be held at Longwood Hills Congregational Church (1255 E.E. Williamson Rd., Longwood, FL. 32750) on Sunday May 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Member Reports

Campbell is attending an Election Leadership series presented by the University of Central Florida (UCF). The series encompasses classes on different topics surrounding running for public office.

On April 7, 2018, Root participated in the 2018 Orlando Epilepsy Walk presented by the Epilepsy Association of Central Florida. Root's team raised \$300.00 for the cause.

Supervisor Morales communicated that April is Parkinson's Awareness Month, and invited the board to "Walk for Parkinson" on Saturday April 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. The location is Cranes Roost Park, 274 Cranes Roost Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL. 32701.

McCarthy had an opportunity to travel to Washington D.C to meet with legislatures. Also in attendance were survivors of the Stoneman Douglas High School and Pulse Nightclub shootings.

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

Ashmeade thanked Bottomley for attending, thanked Ponder for attending and presenting, and welcomed Jackson. Jackson shared a little about her background, and why she was interested in joining the Disability Advisory Board. Ashmeade informed the board that the May presenter from the Office of Emergency Management was confirmed, and would deliver a presentation on hurricane preparedness. Ashmeade encouraged the board to invite guests/partners, and Ashmeade will also extend invitations as many in the community can benefit from the message.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

A quorum was not established, so no items could be voted on.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday May 14, 2018, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 2100 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL. 32806, Second Floor ABC Conference Room.