

Disability Advisory Board Meeting
June 11, 2018

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order at 2:04 p.m. on Monday June 11, 2018, at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806. Chairperson Sandra Algarin opened the meeting and Vice Chairperson Kirk Root proceeded to call roll. Board members present: Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Vice Chairperson Kirk Root, Karolyn Campbell, Supervisor Daisy Morales, and Beverly Jackson. Orange County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance. Board Members not present: Elizabeth McCarthy, 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

Algarin welcomed board members and attendees to the meeting. Community Partners present were: Sue K. Koziol, Quest; and Dr. Stephanie Wheeler, University of Central Florida (UCF).

Presentation

The board welcomed Maureen Mikel with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Mikel spoke on the process of food distribution to those in need via their partner feeding programs in Orange, Brevard, Lake, Volusia, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. Second Harvest's Grocery Alliance Network (which consists of 20 trucks), picks up food from various food sources and donors, delivers it to the food banks, the food is sorted and delivered to the partner feeding programs, who in turn gets the food into the hands of families in need. Second Harvest fuels 550 local emergency food assistance programs through feeding partners like soup kitchens, shelter programs, emergency food pantries, and more. Mikel shared statistics regarding the population served by Second Harvest, and commended the volunteers that help the food bank make a difference daily. Mikel also educated the board on training programs offered by Second Harvest that are geared towards at-risk and economically disadvantaged adults, as a way for them to pursue sustainable careers in the food industry.

Board Member Reports

Algarin provided an update on the success of the June 9th Hurricane Expo at Cypress Creek High School, hosted by Orange County Fire Rescue and WFTV9. The Expo focused on how to protect yourself, your family and property during a hurricane. Weather radios and first aids kits were distributed, and the community was able to procure other valuable information from the many vendors that were on site.

Community Advisor Reports

Koziol provided an update on the 22nd Annual Wine Quest event, which was a record breaking success! Koziol also touched on Camp Thunderbird (a series of recreational programs for children and adults from June 3rd – August 9th). For more information, please visit www.questinc.org/play.html.

Wheeler spoke on the Orlando Trust Coalition and their continued efforts to protect undocumented people. Wheeler also touched briefly on the Coalition's work with the Orlando Police Department (OPD) on new processes/procedures surrounding probable cause for detaining undocumented people.

Subcommittee Member Reports

There were no Subcommittee Reports.

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

Ashmeade attended the June 9th Hurricane Expo on behalf of the Office on Disability, and thanked board members Smith, Algarin, and Waczewski for assisting and spreading the word on the Disability Advisory Board. Ashmeade thanked Mikel for the informative presentation on the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. Ashmeade also informed the board members that they will be given name tags that they can wear to functions, and gave a brief reminder of Sunshine Laws and how it applies to board members. Ashmeade touched on the Mayor's State of the County address, as well as a program through Nathaniel Hope that trains church members on how to provide respite care for disabled children.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

Quorum was not established so no items were voted on or discussed.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday July 9, 2018, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 2100 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL. 32806, Second Floor ABC Conference Room.