

***Disability Advisory Board Meeting
September 10, 2018***

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:10 p.m. on Monday September 10, 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 Theresa Smith. Orange County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance. Board Members not present: Joe Waczewski, Beverly Jackson, and Dyolena Jules. A quorum was established, and all present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Ashmeade welcomed board members and attendees to the meeting. Community Partner present: Victor Felix, Progressive Abilities Support Services.

Presentation

There were no presentations at this meeting.

Board Member Reports

Morales shared with the board her insight regarding the need for appropriate care for those in assisted living/rehabilitation facilities. As our population ages and more people become unable to care for themselves, our community will be required to ensure that those facilities are operating with integrity and treating residents properly.

Campbell attended an Open House at Goodwill. The function focused on supportive employment services, and provided information on a high school that Goodwill runs as well as provides bus service for its students.

Root is working with the company "LEAP" on augmented reality and virtual learning tools to possibly see how their programs can be used for political canvassing.

Smith spoke on the company “A Joint Vision”. It is a non-profit that focuses on targeted case management and community service; accepts Medicare/Medicaid. It will be discussed in the next meeting if A Joint Vision will be one of the board presenters in 2019.

Algarin attended the Health Expo at the Orange County Convention Center, a meeting at the Rotary Club that discussed vaccinations, an event that focused on lymphoma in children, and a back to school event for the 2018-2019 school year.

Community Advisor Reports

Victor Felix shared with the board information on the organization he represents, Progressive Abilities, and the supportive services they offer. Progressive Abilities is funded by Vocational Rehabilitation, and partners with local business to secure individuals with “differing abilities” gainful employment opportunities. Progressive Abilities offers on- the-job training, pre-placement assistance like resume writing, dressing appropriately for interviews, etc. For more information, you can visit their website at www.progressiveabilities.org.

Subcommittee Member Reports

There were no Subcommittee Reports.

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

Ashmeade shared with the board that an individual with disabilities that would like to pursue employment in an area that requires state testing may have accommodations available that can help with test taking. For example, additional time on the exam, a larger monitors, etc. For more information, please contact the State of Florida Department of Finance (850-413-3137, ext. 1101).

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

A discussion was had regarding the current meeting day and time. Upon conclusion of that discussion, Root motioned to move the meeting time to 2:30 p.m. (as opposed to the current 2:00 p.m. start time) with a second by Campbell. The motion passed unanimously so the DAB meetings will now commence at 2:30 p.m., the second Monday of each month unless officially cancelled by way of notice from Ashmeade.

Currently Waczewski is the Community Action Board (CAB) liaison for the DAB. After discussion, the board voted to rotate the task, so it does not fall primary and exclusively on Waczewski to attend the CAB meetings and deliver the DAB report. Algarin motioned for the task to be rotated among board members with a second by Morales, and the motion passed unanimously. Ashmeade will coordinate the rotation with board members depending on interest.

Root and Jackson expressed interest in joining the Veterans Ad-hoc subcommittee, and the vote pass during that committee's meeting. The matter was presented to the DAB to finalize action, and Campbell motioned for Root and Jackson to become members of the subcommittee with a second by Smith. Motion passed unanimously and Jackson and Root are now Veteran subcommittee members.

Elizabeth McCarthy is no longer an Orange County resident and was required to resign from the Orange County DAB. We are thankful to McCarthy for her service, contributions, and dedication – she will be missed.

Ashmeade was asked to arrange a presentation from LYNX and MetroPlan Orlando for the October DAB meeting to discuss paratransit. Algarin requested that Campbell prepare questions that can be asked during that presentation in addition to questions from the board members.

The board has decided that October will be the last DAB meeting for the year. During the October meeting, the 2019 plan and presenters will be discussed and decided if a quorum is established.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday October 8, 2018, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 2100 E. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL. 32806, Second Floor ABC Conference Room.