

Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:35 p.m. on Monday February 11, 2019, 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, Joe Waczewski, Karolyn Campbell, Supervisor Daisy Morales, Jen Vargas, and Beverly Jackson. Orange County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance. Board members not present: Theresa Smith and Dyolena Jules. A quorum was established and all present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Welcome and Introductions

Algarin welcomed the board members, community partners, and members of the public. Meeting attendees were as follows:

Nicole Hugues, Disability Advocate; James Harlow, Disability Advocate; Nate Washington, Care Plus; Naixxa Rivera, University of Central Florida (UCF) Student; Jill Morrison, Community Partner, Autism Society of Florida; Sharon Berrios, Career Source Central Florida; Adli Trotman-Diaz, Career Source Central Florida; Shinana Hughes, Career Source Central Florida; Varun Kumar, Valencia College Student; Blanca Taylor, Social Security Administration (SSA).

Presentations

Blanca Taylor with the Social Security Administration (SSA) delivered a presentation on Work Incentives. Taylor discussed Disability Programs, how disability is defined and Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA). Taylor discussed Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) and the Ticket to Work (TTW) program. Taylor also touched on employer subsidies, Medicare for persons with disabilities that work, and provided the 2017 Red Book to the attendees; a summary guide to employment. Taylor mentioned that the Administration has plans to produce an updated Red Book and she will inform Ashmeade if that occurs.

Board Member Reports

No Board Member reports.

Community Partners Reports

No Community Partner reports.

Subcommittee Members Reports

No Subcommittee Member reports.

New Business – ADA Program Manager Report/County News

No Program Manager news.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

With the presentation from the Social Security Administration (SSA), time did not permit any other board business. Minutes from the January and February meetings will be approved during the March board meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday March 11, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. The location will be 2100 E. Michigan Street, 2nd Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806.