

# Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:38 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 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, and Supervisor Daisy Morales. Coordinating the meeting on behalf of Citizen Resource and Outreach Division ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was Citizen Resource and Outreach Division Manager Dianne Arnold and Citizen Resource and Outreach Division Project Coordinator Judi Kerr. A quorum was not established and all present pledged allegiance to the flag. Not present were Karolyn Campbell, Theresa Smith, Beverly Jackson, Jen Vargas and Dyolena Jules.

## 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:

Dianna Font, DMFont Events; Tricia Dennis, Citizen; Mario Irrizary, Citizen; Lisa Rivera, LogistiCare; Kirk Root, Rainy Day Foundation; Jose Santana, Easterseals; Isa Santoni Comar, Women's March Florida And Presenter Nate Washington with Care Plus.

## Presentation

Nate Washington with Care Plus spoke on the Medicare Advantage plans for individuals on Social Security Disability (SSDI). Washington explained the requirements for eligibility, which includes being on SSDI for a minimum of two years. He talked about the 5-star system available to consumers that rates quality of care and service and advised on the top three things to look for when shopping for plan: the formulary (what medications you are on), types of physicians to meet your care needs and overall costs.

## Board Member Reports

No Board Member Reports

## Community Partners Reports

No Community Partner reports.

## Subcommittee Members Reports

Veterans subcommittee Chair Joe Waczewski reported that the committee is continuing their plans for an expo for the end of the year which will include vendors that can benefit the disabled and veterans communities. Waczewski also reminded attendees that the next Veterans subcommittee meeting will be on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 4:00 pm, immediately following the full board meeting scheduled for that date.

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

CRO Division Manager Dianne Arnold informed the board that an additional \$20 million in funding for children's services had been approved by the Orange County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners to fill gaps in children's programs and services. She explained that the funding will be managed and allocated by the Citizens' Commission for Children, a division of Orange County Community and Family Services Department. Arnold handed out a flyer with more information.

**Action Items to Vote on or Discuss**

Minutes from the March 11, 2019 Disability Advisory Board and Veterans Subcommittee meetings were distributed to the board. Due to no quorum, the minutes could not be approved.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Chairperson Sandra Algarin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe Waczewski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. The location will be 2100 E. Michigan Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806.