

Veterans Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board Veterans Subcommittee was called to order on Monday September 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806. Chairperson Joe Waczewski opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and proceeded to call roll. Subcommittee members present: Daisy Morales; and Jen Vargas. Also present was Dianne Arnold, Division Manager of Orange County Government, Citizen Resource and Outreach Division; Aunyah Harrigan, Administrative Assistant to Dianne Arnold. Subcommittee members not present: Sandra Algarin and Karolyn Campbell.

Meeting attendees were as follows:

Tommie Maldonado, Program Manager with Orange County Veteran Services Program; Lori Rivera, Housing Realtor

A quorum was not established.

Purpose Overview

Waczewski stated the purpose of the sub-committee; “to discuss issues related to veterans with disabilities in the community, report findings and make recommendations to the Disability Advisory Board”.

Public Comments

None

Presentation – VA News and Updates

Tommie Maldonado of Orange County Government Veteran Services Program provided handouts to the board on Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, Disabled Veterans Property Tax Benefit, and FL Veterans Benefits Guide. Tommie shared information on the Forward March initiative held on March 29, 2019; which aims to unite Florida state agencies, veterans’ services organizations, and local communities. Tommie shared information on upcoming Post (TAP) Transition Assistance Program Orientation scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019 at Lake Nona Hospital, Fourth Floor Conference Room. This event is for veterans who recently left the service and the purpose is to provide them with information on benefits and/or other types of assistance that is available to them.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The board was presented with minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting for review. Algarin motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Vargas. There was no discussion and the motion carried – minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items to Vote On and Discuss

- A. No quorum
- B. The board shared ideas on the Expo/Orange TV to record scripted segments of three to four different interviews with groups like Nathans Hope and Orange County Veteran Services CVSO Tommie Maldonado. The board voted Tommie Maldonado should be the first to record a segment with Orange TV.

Program Manager News

Dianne will coordinate with Judi, Jen Vargas and Orange TV to assist with scripts. The compiled segments will be a big expo project to be used at the ADA 30th Anniversary in 2020. The ADA Program Manager position had been posted to the County website, and will provide a link where interested parties could apply.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:47p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2019, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806.