

## **Veterans Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board Veterans Subcommittee was called to order on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 4:09 p.m., at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806. DAB Board Chair Sandra Algarin opened and ran the meeting in the absence of Veterans Subcommittee Chairperson Joe Waczewski who was not in attendance. Subcommittee member Daisy Morales was present, as well as, full board members Karolyn Campbell and Tricia Dennis. Also present were Lisa Rivera, Logistacare; Tommie Maldonado, Manager of Orange County Veteran Services Program; Dianne Arnold, ADA Interim Coordinator and Division Manager of Orange County Citizen Resource and Outreach; Judi Kerr, Project Coordinator with Orange County Citizen Resource and Outreach and David Bottomly, Orange County resident.

A quorum was not established. (Two of the four members voted to the board were not present)

### **Purpose Overview**

Algarin 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 informed the board that the TAP (Transition Assistance Program) orientation has a new date of January 24, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lake Nona VA. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room. Maldonado stated there will be approximately 30 providers available with the focus being on all activities related to Veterans. He states their primary audience is Veterans who have recently relocated to the Orlando area, which he says is about 1,600 between January and June 2019.

Discussions ensued on other Veterans topics including access to dental care, medical transport and the Orange County Mayor’s Advisory Counseling on which Maldonado sits on as a board member.

### **Board Member Reports**

Campbell reported that the Local Command Orlando is having a Veterans Appreciation Day on Thursday, November 7, 2019 and, on November 11, 2019, the City of Apopka is having a Veterans Job Fair at the VFW from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Morales stated she would be participating the Orlando Veteran’s Day Parade on Saturday, November 9, 2019 and encouraged board members to attend this annual event which starts at 11:00 a.m. on Orange Avenue and ends at Lake Eola.

**Action Items to Vote On and Discuss**

- A. No quorum; therefore, the minutes from the last Veterans Subcommittee meeting on September 8, 2019 could not be approved.

**Old Business**

No old business at this time.

**New Business**

No new business at this time

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:37p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2020, 4:00-5:00 p.m., 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806.