

Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:39 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019, at 2100 E. Michigan St., 2nd Floor-ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Board Chairperson Sandra Algarin opened the meeting and proceeded to call roll. Board members present were: Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Vice Chairperson Supervisor Daisy Morales, Karolyn Campbell, Tricia Dennis and Joe Waczewski. Board Members not present were: Jen Vargas, Beverly Jackson and Kirk Root. Also present were Dianne Arnold, Manager of the Citizen Resource and Outreach Division/ADA interim Coordinator and Judi Kerr, Project Coordinator with the Citizen Resource and Outreach Division. A quorum was established.

Introductions of Attendees and Community Partners Reports

Board Chairperson Algarin welcomed the board members, community partners and members of the public. Community partners present were Megan Collins, Center for Independent Living (CIL), Lisa Rivera, Logisticare and Cindy Williams, Down Syndrome Association of Central Florida (DSACF).

General Public Comments

County citizen present was David Bottomly who spoke about ADA compliance for pedestrian access routes, ramps and amenities at Lynx bus stops located throughout Orange County. A discussion ensued on Orange County Public Works Department's transition plan and its progress. Chairperson Algarin inquired about obtaining a summary of the state of the Transition Plan from Orange County Public Works for the next ADA board meeting on November 4, 2019. ADA Coordinator Arnold stated she will contact Public Works for an updated list to bring to the next scheduled ADA board meeting.

Presentation

Megan Collins with the Center for Independent Living presented on agency services, as well as, their upcoming event, Manage My Money Day, taking place at the Winter Park Community Center located at 721 W. New England Avenue, Winter Park, Florida, on November 2, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. She handed out a flyer for the event. Chairperson Algarin inquired on how to access services and Collins stated that citizens interested in services would need to call the Center for Independent Living to be screened.

Board Member Reports

Waczewski spoke about the Veterans Services, "Post TAP," event that had been planned for November and informed everyone that the event was moved to early 2020 due to scheduling conflicts. A date has not be set. ADA Coordinator Arnold explained to the group that the event is designed to help Veterans learn more about benefits that they might be eligible to receive. Campbell spoke about a Metroplan Orlando video that she is in and helped produce for National Blind Americans Equality Day. She stated the video addresses accessibility and the spectrum of needs for the blind community. The link to the video is <https://youtu.be/SxftAihoaPY>.

Dennis shared information about the Safe Kids program in Orange County, led by the Children's Safety Village of Central Florida, Inc. that focuses on keeping kids safe. She stated this is particularly important for the disability community.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

- A. Minutes from the May 13, 2019 and September 9, 2019 Disability Advisory Board meetings were distributed to the board. Algarin motioned to approve the May 13, 2019, with a first by Campbell and a second by Morales. Algarin motioned to approve the September 9, 2019, with a first by Campbell and a second by Morales. The board unanimously approved minutes for both meetings.
- B. Arnold spoke about Expo Project for ADA's 30th Anniversary, which includes taped shows produced by Orange TV. She advised the board that Orange TV Producer Matt Juvinall suggested three 5-minute "Did You Know." segments on ADA topics. A discussion ensued on the topics to cover, speakers and locations. The board unanimously agreed on Orange County Veterans Services, Social Security Disability/Medicaid and Orange County Public Schools - IPEs (individualized education programs) for children with disabilities as the preferences for the segments. Algarin motioned the board to vote on the topics with a first by Waczewski and second by Campbell. Arnold stated that the Office on Disability, either her or Judi, would reach out to OTV to see when the video shoots can be added to their schedule. In the meantime, Arnold informed the board that the office would begin working on the show scripts and experts to interview for the Social Security Disability/Medicaid and Orange County Public Schools topics. The board previously voted on and agreed at the September 9, 2019 meeting that Orange County Veterans Services Manager Tommie Maldonado would cover the Veterans Services segment.
- C. Arnold asked the board to think of ideas for the 2020 presentations schedule and to bring their suggestions to the next board meeting.
- D. The board discussed moving the November 11, 2019 board meeting to November 4, 2019 to avoid a conflict with Veterans Day on November 11. The Board also discussed canceling the December meeting. Waczewski motioned the board to vote on this change with a first by Algarin and second by Morales. The board agreed unanimously on the November and December 2019 meeting changes.

Information

- A. **Ad-hoc Sub-Committee meeting follow-up-** Tommie Maldonado with Orange County Veterans Services will be presenting at the next meeting on November 4th at 4 p.m.

New Business

A. ADA Program Manager Report/County News

Dianne informed the board that she is currently reviewing applications for the vacant ADA Program Manager position with plans to start scheduling interviews within the next couple of weeks.

B. Upcoming Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings

Joe volunteered to present the ADA report at the next Community Action Board meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Veterans Ad-hoc Subcommittee meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. will follow the meeting. The location will be 2100 E. Michigan Street, 2nd Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806.