

Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:37 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020, 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, Tricia Dennis and Jen Vargas. Board Members not present were: Karolyn Campbell and Joe Waczewski. Also present were Citizen Resource and Outreach Division staff Dianne Arnold, Manager/ADA interim Coordinator; Aunyah Harrigan, Administrative Assistant; Judi Kerr, Project Coordinator and Tommie Maldonado, Veteran Services Manager. A quorum was not established.

Introductions of Attendees and Community Partners Reports

Board Chairperson Algarin welcomed the board members and community partners. Community partners present were Denise McCalla, Easter Seals Florida; Mary Ann Horne, MetroPlan Orlando and Lelani Vaiaoga, MetroPlan Orlando.

General Public Comments

There were no members of the public present.

Presentation

Mary Ann Horne with MetroPlan Orlando presented on MetroPlan Orlando's 2045, which included transportation related questions by attendees. A discussion ensued on transportation concerns within the Central Florida area. The group also participated in a transportation survey.

Board Member Reports

Board members did not have anything to report

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

- A. Minutes from the October 14, 2019 and November 4, 2019 Disability Advisory Board meetings were distributed to the board, but could not be approved due to no quorum.
- B. Arnold updated the group on the Expo Project for ADA's 30th Anniversary, which includes taped shows produced by Orange TV. She advised the board that Orange TV will assist with producing the three 5-minute "Did You Know." segments on ADA topics including Orange County Veterans Services, Orange County Public Schools - IPEs (individualized education programs) and suggested producing a show about the Disability Advisory Board (DAB). Arnold stated the DAB and Veterans Services shows will be videotaped on February 11, 2020, the same day as the next scheduled DAB meeting with Veterans taped in the morning and the DAB during the 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. meeting. Arnold advised that the previously suggested Social Security Disability/Medicaid show is on hold for now.

The board also discussed plans to hold the Expo event in July, the month in which ADA was signed into law. Arnold stated she is working on a venue to host the event.

- C. The board discussed possible 2020 presentations including one by the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, Orange County Sheriff's Office CIT program, Disability Employment Opportunities, Mental Health and Homelessness, Latest on Mental Health programs for Vets, Lighthouse of Central Florida Update and Research Breakthroughs for the Disabled. Algarin suggested reaching out to a local hospital for the last item. Arnold stated the Office will work on scheduling the presentations and advised the board that the dates will depend on the availability of the presenters.
- D. Arnold stated that the DAB's Annual Training will take place at the March 9, 2020 meeting.

Information

- A. **Ad-hoc Sub-Committee Meeting follow-up-** Since Subcommittee Chair Waczewski was not present at this meeting, Arnold asked Maldonado with Orange County Veterans Services to report on the Post Transition Assistance Program (TAP) event. He informed the DAB that the event is taking place on January 24, 2020 on the 4th Floor of the Lake Nona VA Hospital Facility. He said there will be at least 30 service providers, including tours of Fisher House and the VA hospital tours. He stated the event is open to all Veterans with the primary focus being on Veterans who have not yet visited the facility.

New Business

- A. **ADA Program Manager Report/County News**
No news to report at this time.
- B. **Upcoming Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings**
Arnold reported that Waczewski will present at the upcoming CAB meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Algarin motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Morales. This meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The location will be at 2100 E. Michigan Street, 2nd Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806.