

## **Disability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board (DAB) was called to order at 2:34 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 2100 E. Michigan St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor-ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Board Chairperson Sandra Algarin opened the meeting. Board members present were: Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Vice Chairperson Supervisor Daisy Morales, Karolyn Campbell, Tricia Dennis, Jen Vargas and Joe Waczewski. Also present were Citizen Resource and Outreach Division staff Dianne Arnold, Manager/ADA interim Coordinator; Judi Kerr, Project Coordinator, and Tommie Maldonado, Veteran Services Manager. Communications Division staff with Orange TV present were Matt Juvinall and Orlando Ojeda.

### **Orange TV Interview with Board Members:**

Orange TV was present to record the meeting and interview board members. The taping was scheduled for today's meeting to cover a "Did You Know" show about Orange County's Disability Advisory Board. Each board member was asked and answered the question, "What inspired you to join the Disability Advisory Board and why does ADA matter? Each board member answered in the following order from right to left in seating order: Joe Waczewski, Tricia Dennis, Chairperson Sandra Algarin, Vice Chairperson Supervisor Daisy Morales, Karolyn Campbell and Jen Vargas.

### **General Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present.

### **Introductions of Attendees and Community Partners Reports**

Board Chairperson Algarin welcomed the board members and community partners. Community partners present were David Deamato, UCP; Janee Olds, Career Source of Central Florida; Lisa Rivera, Logistacare; Mike Walsh, Lighthouse of Central Florida; Jamesa Lee, Division of Blind Services; Shinara Hughes, Career Source of Central Florida; Jose Santana, Easter Seals Florida and Gale Riddle, Vocational Rehabilitation. Algarin asked each partner present to introduce themselves.

### **Presentation**

Taping of the Orange TV show, "Did You Know" featuring the Orange County Disability Advisory Board and Community Partners.

### **Board Member Reports**

Board members did not have any news or events to report. Discussions ensued on PX store privileges for the Orlando Navy Exchange and Wellcare medical insurance.

### **Action Items to Vote on or Discuss**

- A. Minutes from the October 14, 2019, November 4, 2019 and January 13, 2020 Disability Advisory Board meetings were distributed to the board to review. Algarin motioned to approve the

October 14, 2019 minutes, with a first by Campbell and a second by Morales. Algarin motioned to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes, with a first by Dennis and second by Campbell. Algarin motioned to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes, with a first by Dennis and second by Algarin. The board unanimously approved minutes for the three meetings.

- B. Citizen Resource and Outreach Manager and Interim ADA Coordinator Arnold updated the group on the status of the DAB's Expo Project to celebrate 30 years of ADA. She informed the group that the Orange TV production of selected ADA topics for the "Did You Know" series is currently underway with the DAB show being taped at this meeting. She further stated that the Orange County Veterans Services interview with Tommie Maldonado was completed on February 10, 2020 (this morning) and the Orange County Public Schools - IPEs (individualized education programs) will most likely take place later this month or in early March.

Arnold reported the date of the 2020 Disability 2020: Celebrating 30 Years of ADA event as July 29, 2020 and venue is the Holden Heights Community Center. Arnold advised the group that community partners will be invited to participate, as well as other possible providers with focus areas including social services, jobs programs, medical, innovation and Veterans. She asked community partners to email her their ideas on other possible event participants.

- C. Arnold stated that the DAB's Annual Training is currently scheduled to take place at the March 9, 2020 meeting and will cover Florida Sunshine and Public Records Law. Arnold informed the group that she will provide more information about the upcoming training once the presenters are confirmed.

#### **Information**

- A. **Ad-hoc Sub-Committee Meeting follow-up** – Due to no quorum at the last meeting on January 13, 2020 and the meeting being opened then closed immediately by Algarin, there is nothing to report by the board sub-committee at this time. Ad-hoc partner and Veterans Services Manager Tommie Maldonado reported on the POST-TAP event which took place on January 10, 2020 at the Lake Nona Veterans Administration. A discussion ensued on Tricare for military retirees.

#### **New Business**

- A. **ADA Program Manager Report/County News**

Arnold reported that the ADA Coordinator position was reposted and she is currently going through applications for potential candidates.

Arnold asked the community partners to email her if they cannot be included in the Orange TV show that was taped on this date. She also asked them to email her with their ideas about the July, 29, 2020 Expo event.

A discussion ensued on employability. Community partner David Diamato mentioned challenges that his organization UCP has with students aging out of their program and helping them find employment. Gale Riddle with Vocational Rehabilitation stated that VR works with this particular population. Mike Walsh with Lighthouse of Central Florida stated that his organization will work anyone who has even a slight visual impairment. Janice Olds with Career Source inquired on the availability of a resource guide of agencies that serve the disabled. Arnold stated that the Office on Disability has a Disability Resource Guide and anyone interested in receiving a copy can email her at [Dianne.Arnold@ocfl.net](mailto:Dianne.Arnold@ocfl.net).

**B. Upcoming Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings**

Arnold reports that Waczewski will present at the upcoming CAB meeting which takes place on February 12, 2020.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Algarin motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Waczewski. This meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The location will be at 2100 E. Michigan Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806.