

## **Veterans Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board Veterans Subcommittee was called to order on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 4:08 p.m., at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Veterans Subcommittee Chairperson Joe Waczewski opened with roll call. In attendance were DAB Board Chair Sandra Algarin, Chairperson Joe Waczewski, as well as, full board members Karolyn Campbell, Jen Vargas and Taylor Duffy. Orange County Citizen Resource and Outreach Division staff, Nicola Norton, ADA Program Manager and Judi Kerr, Project Coordinator.

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**

There were no public comments.

### **Presentation – VA News and Updates**

Waczewski informed the group that Orlando has been voted number 2 in country as the best place for veterans to live. He then viewed a concern that veteran benefits are being affected if they test positive for cannabis even though it is part of their medical treatment.

Discussions ensued and Campbell made the suggestion to reach out to Morgan and Morgan as they are well versed on this topic. Algarin requested that Tommie Maldonado from Orange County Veteran Affairs office report on this issue at January’s meeting.

Algarin also asked if Maldonado would give an update at January’s meeting on the pilot program that he mentioned back in March 2020 that pertaining to veterans and dental care.

Campbell asked if there is any special funding for Vets due to COVID and if so can Maldonado give an update on this topic as well.

### **Actions to Vote in or Discuss**

- A. Minutes from the September 14, 2020 Veterans Subcommittee meeting were tabled for next meeting as there was no quorum.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

**New business**

No new business.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Waczewski motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Vargas. The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next Disability Advisory Board Veterans Ad-hoc Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 2100 E. Michigan Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor ABC Conference Room and if any changes, notification will be given. Members of the public can request an invitation to join the meeting via WebEx (virtual) by emailing [Nicola.norton@ocfl.net](mailto:Nicola.norton@ocfl.net) .