

Disability Advisory Board Meeting

Ad-hoc Legislative Subcommittee

December 12, 2016

The Ad-hoc Legislative Subcommittee meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Tiffany Namey at 1:12 pm on December 12, 2016, at Facilities Management, 2010 E. Michigan St., Orlando, FL 32806. Board members present were: Chairperson Tiffany Namey, Disability Advisory Board (DAB) Chairperson Jose Fernandez, Brian Michaels and Kirk Root.

New business/Discussion Items

Namey presented a draft of a legislative letter that she would like the DAB to send to elected officials at the State level. The letter requests that the Florida legislators keep the DAB informed on bills related to the disability community, as well as consider the DAB a source for local expertise if needed. The committee discussed which legislators should be recipients of the letter. All members agreed that the letter should be mailed and emailed to Florida Representatives and Senators for the Central Florida Districts, as well as the Majority/Minority leaders for both political branches. The committee agreed to submit the letter and the list of intended recipients to the full board for review and approval.

The committee discussed goals for 2017. A discussion ensued on possible options for keeping the subcommittee, as well as the full Board informed with regard to legislative actions as they relate to the disability community. Some of the suggestions were to have a local legislator or their representative attend a meeting(s) to share updates or have someone from a law school present on the legislative process. It was suggested that the legislative process be one of the presentations scheduled in 2017.

The committee had a discussion on the preferred format to receive legislative updates from the Office on Disability. It was agreed that the format currently being used, which groups bills by topics on a spreadsheet is the best format. Advisor Arnold stated that the office would provide an overview spreadsheet along with a summary report on

each bill in advance by email, so the board members can review prior to the actual meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 2010 E. Michigan St., Facilities Training Center, Orlando, FL, 32806. Any changes will be noted in the posted meeting agenda per Orange County regulations regarding meeting notifications.