

Disability Advisory Board Meeting

February 13, 2017

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board began at 2:01 p.m. on February 13, 2017, at the 2010 E. Michigan St., Facilities Training Center Meeting Room, Orlando, FL 32806. Chairperson Brian Michaels opened an informal meeting since a quorum was not present. Board members present were: Chairperson Brian Michaels, Elizabeth McCarthy, Tiffany Namey and Eric Shelton.

Welcome and Introductions

Chairperson Michaels welcomed board members and attendees to the second Disability Advisory Board meeting for 2017. Others present were Citizen Resource and Outreach Division Manager and Interim ADA Advisor, Dianne Arnold, Family Services Project Coordinator, Judi Kerr; Community Advisors – Lisa Rivera, Logistacare; Regina Shedrick, Career Source of Central Florida; Sue Koziol and Leed Alderman, Quest Inc.; Tyler Smith, Orange County Democratic Disability Caucus; member of the public Harry Boggs and presenters Jack Bell and Carlos Garcia with Walgreens.

Presentation

Chairperson Michaels introduced Jack Bell and Carlos Garcia with Walgreens. Bell presented on Walgreen's new hiring initiative for their Customer Care Operations Call Center. He explained the nature of the position and scheduling requirements, which call for the ability to work 40+ hours a week in a 7-day/365 days-a-year operation. He further stated that interested applicants "must be flexible" and willing to work any schedule, including weekends and holidays, and the starting pay is \$11.74 per hour. A discussion ensued on some of the challenges that persons with disabilities might encounter as an employee in this kind of position. Bell stated he will share the advisory board's feedback with Walgreen's corporate office.

Formal Meeting Opened

At 2:44 p.m., Chairperson Michaels called the meeting to order since a quorum

was established with board members who arrived during the Walgreen's presentation. Michaels conducted roll call and the pledge of allegiance. He introduced two newly appointed board members—Sandra Algarin, at-large representative, and Eric Shelton, agency representative with Quest, Inc. Board members present were: Chairperson Brian Michaels, Sandra Algarin, Tiffany Namey, Elizabeth McCarthy, Vice-Chair Kirk Root, and Eric Shelton. A quorum was established. Not present were Jose Fernandez and Joe Waczewski.

Community Advisor Reports

- Regina Shedrick with Career Source stated their agency is moving forward on the restructuring with the Take It to Work Program, pending the approval from the Social Security Administration. She said the plan is to have a coordinator in each office location.
- Sue Koziol with Quest Inc. reported that Quest Village, a 48 unit apartment complex for disabled persons, broke ground on February 8, 2017 and they had over 100 people in attendance. She said it will be anywhere between 12 to 18 months before they have their first residents. Koziol also informed the group about their program, "Join the Quest," which is a way for people to learn about what they do. She said, if interested in scheduling a visit, you can sign up to attend on their website www.questinc.org.
- Lisa Rivera (formerly with MTM., Inc.) reported that she now works for Logisticare, a company that much like MTM, Inc. provides non-emergency transportation for Medicare and Medicaid recipients.
- Stacey Ricketts with United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Central Florida reported UCP has two upcoming fundraisers, including Poker at the Palace on March 31, from 6:00-900 p.m., and An Evening at the Palace Gala on April 1, from 5:30-10:00 p.m. She said both events will be held at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace and Hollywood Walk of Fame Star Cheryl Hines will be a host for March 31 event—their "biggest fundraiser." To register, visit www.ucpcf.org.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Board members were issued copies of the draft minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting. Michaels asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Namey made a motion to approve with a second by Root. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Information - Subcommittee Report Member Reports

Legislative subcommittee board chairperson Tiffany Namey reported on the February 13, 2017 ad-hoc subcommittee meeting, which took place at 1-2 p.m. prior to the full board meeting. She said the letters to state legislators representing Central Florida, as well as House and Senate majority leaders, were mailed and emailed by Interim Advisor, Dianne Arnold. She reported there have been no responses at this time. Namey also stated that the committee is keeping a close eye all 2017 bills that have anything to do with persons with disabilities and will they will report back to the full board on their progress.

Action Items to Vote on or Discuss

Michaels stated there were no further action items to vote on at this time.

Old Business

ADA Advisor, Dianne Arnold, reported that the 2017 annual training will be on March 13, 2017, from 2-4 p.m., the same time and location as the regular board meeting. The training will be on Florida Sunshine Law and Public Information, HIPPA, and Parliamentary Procedure. Arnold also reported that former ADA advisor, Samme Ripley, will be returning as a 6-month casual employee to help with the Office on Disability and train the person hired for the ADA advisor position.

New Business – Board Member Reports

- Michaels introduced new board appointees Sandra Algarin and Eric Shelton. Both shared brief bios on themselves and why they volunteered to become DAB members.
- Tiffany Namey stated she is excited to report she was contacted by the Republican Party about forming a disability caucus and hopes for

bipartisan support on disability issues. She also reported she attended the Orlando Woman's March on January 21 at Lake Eola and was pleased that the discussion included persons with disabilities. Namey further added that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) is looking at forming the first-ever national disability committee.

- Kirk Root did not have anything to report at this time.
- Elizabeth McCarthy stated she did not have anything to report, but shared her recent experience with Starbuck's new ordering technology which includes sign-language at their take-out.
- Brian Michaels, board chair and agency representative, reported that the Division of Blind Services is working with the new Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations that came down in late August 2016. He also stated the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is going through the process of revamping its policies and they are working in conjunction with Orange County Public Schools. Michaels referenced a recent email he received from the RSA (Rehabilitation Services Administration) Dept. of Education regarding auxiliary aids and accessibility devices as they relate to employability. He went on to explain that some devices are covered by the DEO; whereas others are not. He said Florida is on the forefront for this issue.

Public Comments

Member of the public Harry Boggs spoke about the starting an International Day of Mourning in Orange County. He also shared with the board and ADA advisor a document he drafted called, "Resolution to Support, In Principle, the 6th International Day of Mourning Honoring Disabled Victims of Filicide."

Meeting Adjournment

Michaels asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Namey made a motion adjourn with a second by Root. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. The next meeting will be the annual training and will be held on Monday, March 13, 2016, at 2010 E. Michigan St., Facilities Training Center, Orlando, FL, 32806, from 2-4 p.m. Any changes will be

noted in the posted meeting agenda per Orange County regulations regarding meeting notifications.

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