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**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES
OCTOBER 18, 2019
CIVIC CENTER ROOM 301**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Megan Utley
Matt Hoffmann
Tom Bozikis
Ramona Harvey
Mark Weatherwax

STAFF

Diane Clements-Boyd
Bonnie Fox

The monthly meeting of The Advisory Board on Disability Services was called to order on the above date by Chairman Matthew Hoffmann.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Requests – There were no requests added to the agenda.

Roll was called with the above named board members and staff in attendance.

Due to lack of a quorum, no action was taken on the minutes of the last meeting. Upon the arrival of board member Bozikis board members Weatherwax and Utley moved and seconded respectively to approve the minutes of the September meeting and members voted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

No presentations scheduled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:**2020 Census –**

The director discussed that there have been presentations for other boards by James Mosley who has been chosen as the project manager for the 2020 Census in the Evansville area. There was a meeting held at East Branch Library and more are being planned. The project manager wants to make sure that Evansville has a complete census count. He is asking all to get the message out and the importance of the census. The year 2020 will be the first online census to be done. Invitations will go out on March 12, 2020 for all to complete the census on line. After that post cards will be sent out and then another reminder letter. One more letter will be sent out and a questionnaire. Ninety-five percent of all households will get the invitation to fill out the census online, five percent will get the questionnaire. It is estimated that there is 670 billion dollars of federal funds available and 17 million in Indiana alone based on the census count. Mr. Mosley is dedicated to making sure that Evansville gets its fair share. Information was given to the board members that explained the importance of the 2020 Census and the importance of the accurate count. The director reported that information about the meetings could be emailed to board members if interested.

OLD BUSINESS:**National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)**

October is NDEAM and it is to encourage employers to hire employees with disabilities. Director Clements-Boyd reminded board members that posters had been printed and are available in the HRC office for anyone who wants them.

Accessibility Decal Program –

The letters were sent out to the restaurants. The director explained to the members that HRC is a small agency and does not have the resources to develop all the objectives and there is no full time employee to address the issues of the board. A full time employee would be ideal to assist with all board work. The chairperson suggested a meeting with Hafer Associates or another construction firm to discuss building and ADA guidelines.

Ordinance –

The ordinance was turned over to the county attorney and he has not reached out to the director with any updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The HRC Annual Dinner and Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards will be on October 30th at the Old National Events Plaza with Fania Davis as the keynote speaker.

It was properly moved and seconded to adjourn this October 18, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Board on Disability Services at 12:00 pm.