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**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES  
OCTOBER 2, 2020  
CIVIC CENTER ROOM 301**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

Mark Weatherwax  
Tom Bozikis  
Ramona Harvey – via phone  
Robert Guzzo – via phone  
Carolyn Gallagher

**STAFF**

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director  
Shadrach Mensah

Chairman Mark Weatherwax called the monthly meeting of the Advisory Board on Disability Services on the above date.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

There were no minutes from the September meeting available. Board member Guzzo asked that the minutes be sent to members along with the agenda to be viewed before the meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

No presentations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Weatherwax had anticipated a Zoom meeting prior to this meeting, but due to Board member Utley being ill, a meeting could not be arranged.

## **FINDER**

Board member Guzzo explained the FINDER program for the benefit of new Advisory Board member Gallagher. He first explained that it is FINDER, and the entire name is capitalized. He explained that it is an online resource for Indiana residents with disabilities. He spoke to Vickie Johnson from the FINDER program and they have reviewed the Advisory Board Resource Guide and have included everything that is relevant from the guide for Vanderburgh County on the FINDER site. She also reported to Board member Guzzo that another feature in FINDER is Indiana employment information. He encouraged all board members to create an account to look over the website. Ms. Johnson is also willing to do a webinar for the Advisory Board that can be live or recorded to be shared on the Facebook page or on the Human Relations site. He provided Board member Gallagher with the information for the website, which is [www.indianadisabilityresourcefinder.org](http://www.indianadisabilityresourcefinder.org). He also shared with Board member Bozikis that he did ask about the screen reader compatibility, which Ms. Johnson confirmed should be compatible with any screen reader and if it does not work to contact her. Board member Gallagher informed the group that SWIRCA has a detailed resource guide for the elderly and disabled. It was suggested to compare FINDER with the SWIRCA guide to see if the information is consistent. Chairman Weatherwax had planned an earlier meeting to discuss contacting organizations to distribute the printed information about the program. He is interested in putting information in the libraries, getting IT involved and contacting EVSC for involvement as the information may be beneficial to some students. Board member Gallagher reported that the information would be useful to give out at the Governor's Conference next year, but it was reported that members learned of the program at the last Governor's Conference. Director Clements-Boyd suggested sending out a communication to all agencies with the link and to add a tab for resources on the webpage. She reported this was done last year for Disability Awareness Month.

The Zoom meeting that was scheduled for earlier today is tentatively scheduled for Monday at 1:00 pm, if Megan is available.

## **AccessAbility Decal Program**

The program was explained to Board member Gallagher. Chairman Weatherwax explained he has scheduled a meeting with Michael Shermis in Bloomington to get more information on adequately running the program and to develop a written guide to use in Evansville.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The director reported that the Human Relations Annual Dinner will be virtual and will be held November. Advisory Board members will be given the information when the event is finalized.

Chairman Weatherwax gave comments on the President and First Lady and hope they are doing well.

It was properly moved and seconded to dismiss this October meeting of the Disability Advisory Board.