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**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES  
NOVEMBER 6, 2020  
CIVIC CENTER ROOM 301**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

Mark Weatherwax  
Tom Bozikis  
Megan Utley  
Robert Guzzo – via remote  
Carolyn Gallagher – via remote  
Brian Kellems – via remote

**STAFF**

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director  
Bonnie Fox

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

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.

Board members Utley and Bozikis motioned and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Board members voted unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Rick Wilson, Mets Superintendent of Operations, spoke remotely to board members about the services that Mets provides for the disability community. There had been a problem with the service being available but that has been corrected and the service is available. Superintendent Wilson was thanked for his participation and information.

Dominic Poggi, Disaster Program Manager for American Red Cross was also in attendance and he reported the Red Cross here covers Southern Indiana and parts of Southeastern Illinois. He explained the great need for volunteers for disaster services. He reported that the Disaster Action Team (DAT) helps with immediate needs i.e. lodging, food, water, clothing, all the needs to stabilize families when a disaster strikes. He reported they are similar to the 911 dispatch center. He explained that the Red Cross has an emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion and services are assessible to everyone. He explained that he had position descriptions available and will forward them. Chairman Weatherwax provided his email address for the information and he will distribute to board members. He also discussed a virtual video chat that can be scheduled if board members are interested.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Weatherwax reported on the Sunshine Act on open meetings and asked the director for an explanation. The director explained that outside meetings are permissible but no decisions can be made as that has to be done in a public setting. The director will discuss with the legal department.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FINDER -**

Board member Guzzo reported that Board members Utley, Weatherwax and Guzzo attended a webinar by Vickie Johnson who is the coordinator of FINDER. Board member Guzzo made a draft of the format and anticipates it being useful for the board. He also received additional information that he will share with the board when he has looked it over. Board member Guzzo motioned for the board to advertise and promote FINDER in the disabled community in Vanderburgh County. The motion was seconded and board members voted unanimously.

Board members agreed to meet Tuesday of the following week for Board member Guzzo to share the document information he has received from FINDER.

Information on the FINDER has been distributed to the libraries.

**AccessAbility Decal Program –**

It was reported that promotional information about the program was sent to the Evansville Courier and to the marketing agent for E is for EVERYONE.

Chairman Weatherwax and wife visited Bloomington and accompanied Michael Shermis and two (2) interns on inspections and received information to start building the manual for the decal program. Board member Utley has done work on the stickers for the decal program and Chairman Weatherwax hopes the E is for EVERYONE can be incorporated into what she has created.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The director reported that the Human Relations is planning to have a Virtual Annual Dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup> and a news release is forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was properly moved and seconded to adjourn this November meeting.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL  
  
STAY SAFE!**