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ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES
FEBRUARY 5, 2021
CIVIC CENTER ROOM 301

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Mark Weatherwax
Ramona Harvey – via remote
Megan Utley, via Phone
Robert Guzzo – via remote
Carolyn Gallagher – via remote

STAFF

Diane Clements-Boyd, Executive Director

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.

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

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as presented and members voted unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations for the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Agenda – Disability Awareness Month (March)
Chairman Weatherwax reported that the Public Relations Benefit Planner from the State Social Security Office will speak to the group in March.

He asked for members to identify issues they want to know more about. Everyone indicated wanting to know how employment will affect benefits, what happens to benefits if an individual finds employment and how to officially apply for benefits without the aid of an attorney. Board members also want to know the difference in SSI, SSDI and regular Social Security in addition to drawing off of parents.

Chairman Weatherwax asked for the banner to be put in front of the civic center for the first Friday in March. The director will make sure the banner is up.

The director reminded the board of various things that had been done in the past for Disability Awareness Month. The activities include press releases, press conferences, and resolutions. The director reported that nothing has been received from the Governor's Office for Disability Awareness Month. Chairman Weatherwax reported that he will try to find some materials for the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

FINDER -

Board member Guzzo reported that good things are happening with FINDER. He has presentations scheduled at the Rehabilitation Center and at EVSC. He has limited amounts of pens, post it notes and magnets. If promotional items are needed FINDER will mail out items to the agencies. There will be a Virtual Special Education Resource Fair on March 16. The director asked if FINDER has a way of tracking their increase in Vanderburgh County utilization of FINDER since the Advisory Board began promoting the service. Board member Guzzo will ask about that.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Weatherwax asked the board members to consider sending thank you cards to members who are no longer serving.

ADJOURNMENT:

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