

**CISCO WEBEX TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

January 21, 2021

TELEPHONIC MEMBERS PRESENT: Jorge Ibacache, Chair
Denis Bayle
Elizabeth Espinoza
Toby Gordon
Roslyn Greenberg
John Neff

TELEPHONIC NOT PRESENT: June McCarthy

TELEPHONIC ALSO PRESENT: Carol L. Powell-Phillips, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section
Jennifer DiBono, Professional Standards/Human Rights Section
Kristin McIntosh, Assistant County Attorney
Jean Russo, Broward County Realtime Reporter
Shawn Weber, Broward County Realtime Reporter

A Cisco Webex Telephonic Meeting of the Advisory Board for Individuals with Disabilities, (ABID) was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 1:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order following Roll Call by Ms. Carol L. Powell-Phillips. A quorum was reached.

In response to the Chair, Ms. Powell-Phillips noted that Pamela Romack is no longer an ABID member.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair recognized the effects of the current pandemic, and expressed thanks to the County Commission for the ABID's ability to meet virtually. In addition, the Chair expressed optimism surrounding vaccines.

(Ms. Espinoza joined today's ABID Meeting via Cisco Webex.)

3. **FINALIZE THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chair pointed out that ABID's goal is to provide the ABID's Recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners in March of 2021.

Following the ABID's review and discussion of the 2020 Annual Report and Recommendations attached to the Minutes of this day's meeting, the ABID made the following revisions:

- Page 1 – Amend the date to 2021.
- Page 1 – Modify Board member names pending direction from Jennifer DiBono.
- Without objection, the ABID agreed that Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 should remain the same.

Mr. Bayle read the following 3 new additional Recommendations aloud into the record.

- "ABID recommends that the County ensures to the maximum extent possible a comprehensive coronavirus vaccine distribution plan, and that all people who elected to have their first dose of vaccine will be able to obtain their second dose on schedule conforming to pharmaceutical companies administration guidelines."
- "ABID recommends the County strategize using best practices by conforming to all federal guidelines that also ensure a quick and efficient delivery of vaccines at all County sites to its population throughout the year."
- "ABID recommends that the County provide an After Action Report on a quarterly year basis to this Advisory Board that notes in part, (1) if vaccine is arriving regularly; (2) the pace of arrival; (3) the pace of inoculations to be; (4) whether it is ready to go to the next phase of distribution; (5) and whether there are holdups by hospitals or other distributing agencies."

Ms. Gordon suggested combining the first and second Recommendation together, as read into the record by Mr. Bayle. As to the third Recommendation, as read into the record by Mr. Bayle, Ms. Gordon suggested replacing the word, "semiannual" with the words, "quarterly basis."

Mr. Bayle made motion and read aloud an additional Recommendation into the record.

- ***“ABID recommends that the County ensures to the maximum extent possible a comprehensive coronavirus vaccine distribution plan, and that all people who elected to have their first dose of vaccine will be able to obtain their second dose on schedule conforming to pharmaceutical companies administration guidelines.”***

Following discussion, Ms. Gordon suggested inserting the words, ***“and recommendations,”*** following the word, ***“guidelines,”*** into the last sentence in the above highlighted motion and Recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Greenberg.

Ms. DiBono asked the ABID which Division the ABID would like the above Recommendation sent to.

Ms. McIntosh advised the ABID that the County has agreements with the Department of Health to provide vaccinations at County parks; however, vaccines fall under the Department of Health.

Following ABID discussion surrounding vaccines falling under the Department of Health, Mr. Bayle suggested tentatively going forward with Recommendation 4 and revisiting verbiage in Recommendation 4 in March of 2021 until such time that more vaccine information is received.

The Chair suggested inserting Recommendation 4 under Education and Awareness or Accessibility, and submitting the report while the ABID awaits further direction from staff.

Mr. Bayle asked if the above motion and Recommendation could be inserted as Recommendation 4 without specifying a department or an office, while awaiting further direction from staff.

In response to the Chair, Mr. Bayle reread the following motion aloud into the record.

- ***“ABID recommends that the County ensures to the maximum extent possible a comprehensive coronavirus vaccine distribution plan, and that all people who elected to have their first dose of vaccine will be able to obtain their second dose on schedule conforming to pharmaceutical companies administration guidelines and recommendations.”*** The motion was seconded by Ms. Greenberg.

The motion passed 5-1. Mr. Neff voted against the motion. Ms. McCarthy was not present.

Mr. Neff expressed that he did not support the motion, as he believes the motion has nothing to do with the ABID.

Mr. Bayle read the following highlighted Recommendation and motion aloud into the record.

- ***“ABID recommends that the County (The Broward Department of Emergency Management) provide an After Action Report on a semiannual basis to this Advisory Board that notes, in part, (1) if vaccine is arriving regularly; (2) the pace of arrival; (3) the pace of inoculations to be; (4) whether it is ready to go to the next phase of distribution; (5) and whether there are holdups by hospitals or other distributing agencies.”*** The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon.

In response to the Chair and Ms. Gordon, Mr. Bayle agreed to amending the word, ***“semiannual”*** in the above motion and suggested that the motion read in part, ***...“as the report becomes available as distributed among other departments as its available, but no later than semiannual.”***

The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Neff voting against the motion. Ms. McCarthy was not present.

The Chair referenced Page 4, noting that there was one Recommendation for Education and Awareness and no Recommendations for Inclusive Communities. In response to Ms. Gordon, the Chair confirmed that the name, “Inclusive Communities” was changed to “Accessibility.”

Ms. Espinoza spoke of a past meeting held on December 17, 2020 wherein discussion surrounded the FAQ’s on the County’s website relating to employment, contact information and employment accommodations for disabled persons.

Ms. Powell-Philipps asked Ms. Espinoza to provide her with specific language as to what Ms. Espinoza referenced surrounding FAQ’s for employment, contact information and employment accommodations on the County’s website.

Ms. DiBono pointed out that verbiage from the referenced December 17, 2020 meeting is on the audio recording, and that staff could add that to the Recommendations for ABID’s review the next time that the Recommendations are before the ABID.

Following further discussion, ***on motion of Mr. Neff, seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, the ABID approved revising Employment Recommendation 2 on Page 6 to read in part, “to provide a set aside for disabled employees, disabled-owned businesses similar to the set aside currently used for veterans.”***

On motion of Ms. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, the ABID approved the 2021 Annual Report and Recommendations.

4. ABID BOARD ELECTIONS (CHAIR/VICE CHAIR/COMMITTEE)

Ms. Espinoza made motion to nominate Ms. Gordon First Vice-Chair of the ABID. Without objection, and via Roll Call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Gordon abstained from voting.

On motion of Ms. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Bayle and unanimously carried via Roll Call vote, the Board nominated Ms. Espinoza Second Vice-Chair of the ABID.

Ms. Gordon made motion to nominate Ms. Greenberg for the At-Large position of the ABID. Without objection, and via Roll Call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Greenberg recommended that the Secretary position be removed.

Ms. DiBono sought verification virtually from Orlando Garcia as to removing the Secretary position. Later in the meeting, Ms. DiBono noted that the ABID does not have to fill the Secretary position.

Without objection, the ABID nominated Jorge Ibacache Chair of the ABID.

The Chair referenced positions on the Transportation Committee, the Education Committee, and the Emergency Management Committee.

Ms. Greenberg noted that she is aware of an individual who is interested in participating in ABID Meetings; however, she was advised she was not permitted to attend the meeting. In response to Ms. Greenberg, the Chair noted that public persons are permitted to attend ABID Meetings.

Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Gordan volunteered to be on the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Bayle nominated June McCarthy to Chair the Emergency Management Committee.

5. ORGANIZE BOARD OBJECTIVES & ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Without objection, the ABID revised the September 16, 2021 ABID Meeting to September 23, 2021.

The Chair noted that historically Committees make their presentations at ABID Meetings. In addition, the Chair asked each Committee to bring forward information for the ABID's March Meeting as relates to what they would like to discuss during the year.

Without objection, the ABID approved setting a calendar for Committee presentations.

Ms. DiBono suggested that if a Committee would like to meet with an agency in February of 2021, that the Committee would be able to make presentation in March. In response to Ms. DiBono, Mr. Neff noted that Friday's would be a better day for him to meet an agency relative to the Legislative Committee.

The Chair referenced ABID's objectives, and asked each Committee to provide one or two sentences at the next ABID Meeting relative to what they would like to discuss in the coming year. In addition, the Chair asked each Committee to identify the month that they would like to present their report to the ABID, so as to facilitate a subsequent item on ABID's Agenda.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair asked the Committees to provide a Report on a monthly basis or at least once per year.

In response to the ABID, Ms. McIntosh advised the ABID that due to the State of Emergency, virtual meetings will continue until further notice.

Following inquiry by Mr. Bayle, Ms. DiBono clarified that Committees meet with County staff and then report their findings back to the ABID at the following ABID Meeting.

In response to Mr. Bayle, Ms. DiBono asked the ABID to provide questions to her at least a week before Committee meetings, so as to allow time to provide questions to agencies.

(Ms. Espinoza left this day's ABID Meeting via Cisco Webex.)

7. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Following inquiry by ABID Members, Ms. DiBono confirmed that a letter is sent to former ABID Members thanking them for their service.

8. NON-AGENDA/PUBLIC COMMENT/REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(None.)

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. Gordon, and without objection, the Chair adjourned this day's ABID Meeting at 3:36 p.m.