

Alachua County Advisory Boards Annual Workplan FY23

Date: May 25, 2023

Board/Committee Name: Citizens Disability Advisory Committee

Members: Erin Field, Chair; Jenna Gonzalez, Vice-Chair; Cloretta Daniels; Jodi Jainchill; Christie King; Jaclyn Trenteseaux, representative to the Human Rights Board.

Staff Support: Melissa Patterson, Jill Weinsier, Gayle Fabiano; Bob Swain, Deputy County Attorney

Board Liaison: Jacqueline Chung, Equal Opportunity Manager

Brief History of Committee:

The Citizens Disability Advisory Committee was established in 1984 to assist the County in implementing its responsibilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities. Members are appointed by the County Manager. The committee assists the Equal Opportunity Manager/ADA Coordinator in reviewing County programs, services, and facilities to ensure equal opportunity/equal access for persons with disabilities.

FY22 Accomplishments:

- Conducted ADA site reviews of County Facilities
 - Cuscowilla Park – day camp facilities
 - CareerSource Starke Location
- Met with representatives from County Facilities and Parks Departments to review updates to the County-wide ADA Transition Plan, and ADA improvements completed to date.
- Partnered with the City of Gainesville to host a virtual Disability Awareness Event on July 26, 2022 - a panel discussion on employment challenges, opportunities and resources for people with disabilities. (See 2022 flyer attached).

Goals & Objectives for FY23

- Assist the Facilities Department in reviewing the Braille/Directional signage in the County Administration Building and make recommendations on the signage.
- Conduct ADA walk-through reviews of newly constructed or recently renovated County facilities to identify any potential access concerns.

- Assist the Equal Opportunity Office in developing a survey tool to evaluate the accessibility of County programs and services. Survey to be conducted in FY24.
- Plan the annual ADA Celebration Event and other promotional activities to celebrate Disability Awareness Month in July.
- Present the committee annual report to the County Commission in July; accept the proclamation declaring July as Disability Awareness Month in Alachua County.