ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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10:00 A.M.

Minutes

ACCESSIBILITY TAC PRESENT:

Jeff Gross, Chairman
Sharon Mignardi
Brad Schiffer
Diana Worrall
Jack Humburg
Barbara Page
Frederick Schilling
James Woolyhand

ACCESSIBILITY TAC NOT PRESENT:

Larry Schneider

STAFF PRESENT:

Mo Madani
Justin Vogel
Chip Sellers
Marlita Peters
Thomas Campbell
Chris Howell
Jim Hammers
Welcome:

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Peters welcomed everyone to the teleconference of the Accessibility TAC. She provided information for the callers on how to mute systems to avoid background noise.

Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed roll call for the Accessibility TAC. A quorum was determined with 8 members present at roll call.

Agenda Approval:

Commissioner Schiffer entered a motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting as posted. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

Approval of the Minutes from March 29, 2019:

Commissioner Worrall entered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2019 meeting as posted. Commissioner Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.

To review and accept final draft report for research project titled “Semi-Structured Interviews Investigating the Need to adjust Current Bed height and Universal Changing Table Regulations.”

Mr. Madani provided a brief overview of the research project and introduced Perry Leibovitz, UF to provide the report.

Mr. Leibovitz provided a power point presentation of the research project titled “Semi-Structured Interviews Investigating the Need to adjust Current Bed height and Universal Changing Table Regulations.”
TAC Comments:

Commissioner Worrall advised of the following concerns regarding the report:
1. Skewed survey participation, mostly with low level disabilities and developmental disabilities along with caregivers responses. She advised she sent 19 areas to contact that stated they would participate.
2. Interviewers did not question adjustable bed frames.
3. Other resources could have been used that are very near UF, such as Shands, Outpatient centers, VA Hospital, Independent Living Centers and the campus of UF
4. Limitations should have been noted for more in-depth interviews.

Ms. Mignardi stated she agreed with Dr. Worrall that these were generic key points that were takeaways as sampling was small.

Commissioner Worrall stated descriptions should be quantified.

Mr. Madani stated there was a scope of study set along with the questions to be asked, both reviewed by the TAC and voted on.

Mr. Leibovitz responded stating that he realized the sampling was less than ideal, there were many e-mails sent and calls made to the contacts that were provided with little to no responses. In addition he stated in using UF there would be HIPPA issues that could affect the research at UF if used. Mr. Leibovitz also stated due to low budget on the research they were very limited.

Commissioner Worrall stated she was hearing a lot of excuses which made her wonder if this was the correct group chosen to do this study. She further stated she would only accept this report if the following:
1. Add some of the limitations of the study and the fact that it was a small study
2. More in depth interviews were used instead of trying to secure quantifiable data
3. Outcome that adjustable bed height frames was one of the takeaways.

Public Comments: None

Motion:

Commissioner Worrall entered a motion to accept the report to include the three key issues noted above. Commissioner Schiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8 to 0.
Final Roll Call:

Ms. Peters performed a final roll call all 8 members were remaining on the call.

Adjournment:

Chairman Gross adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.