



**Miami-Dade County**

**Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)  
 Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)  
 111 N.W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33128  
 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 18-4**

	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, April 27, 2016</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>1:30 – 4:00 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Call to Order Time:</b>	1:43 p.m. est.	
	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	4:01 p.m. est.	
<b>I.</b>	<b><u>Opening and Attendance:</u></b> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed.		
	District 1 <b>Commissioner Jordan</b>	<b>Damian Gregory</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman	P
	District 2 <b>Commissioner Monestime</b>	<b>Jackson David</b> Housing Committee Chair	
	District 3 <b>Commissioner Edmonson</b>	<b>Jose Granda</b> Access Committee Chair	P
	District 4 <b>Commissioner Heyman</b>	<b>Jesus Garcia</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair & Transportation Committee Chair	P
	District 5 <b>Commissioner Barreiro</b>	<b>Jose (Ernie) Martinez</b> CODI Chairman	P
	District 6 <b>Commissioner Sosa</b>	<b>Ora Prilleltensky</b>	P
	District 7 <b>Commissioner Suarez</b>	<b>Harry Horgan</b> Outreach Committee Chairman	P
	District 8 <b>Commissioner Levine Cava</b>	<b>Elizabeth Merklng</b>	P
	District 9 <b>Commissioner Moss</b>	<b>Ronald Fulton</b> CODI Secretary	P
	District 10 <b>Commissioner Souto</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
	District 11 <b>Commissioner Zapata</b>	<b>Teri Weinstein</b>	P
	District 12 <b>Commissioner Diaz</b>	<b>Mercedes Villar</b>	P
	District 13 <b>Commission Bovo</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman Martinez said that he did introduce himself as the Chair of CODI but also as a Center for Independent Living (CIL) employee.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Information Items:</b></p>	<p><b>Regulation of Transportation Network Entities (TNE's)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CODI members are concerned about the County's regulation of Transportation Network Entities (TNEs) and what this will mean for power chair users.</li> <li>The proposed ordinance relating to vehicles for hire, amending Chapter 31, Article I, Section 77 of the Miami-Dade County Code and creating Article VII regulating TNEs states: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"Transportation network entities shall provide passengers an opportunity to indicate whether they require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle. If a TNE cannot arrange wheelchair-accessible services, it shall direct the passenger to an alternate provider of wheelchair-accessible services."</p> </li> <li>TNEs contend that they are not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the federal civil rights law that guarantees people with disabilities the same rights as everyone else. But the US Department of Justice, in a Statement of Interest filed in National Federation of the Blind of California v. Uber, clearly states that TNEs are covered by the ADA.</li> <li>Damian Gregory said it's the words "alternate provider" that CODI has an issue with. The "alternate providers" may not be able to provide service to power chair users that is equivalent with the service provided to non-disabled customers.</li> <li>Elizabeth Merklings asked said why the disabled community has to accept the "alternate providers."</li> <li>Mercedes Villar told her fellow CODI members that, when discussing this issue with their Commissioners, they must specify what CODI wants (in terms of accessible service) instead of what they do not want.</li> <li>Ms. Prilleltensky and Ms. Merklings shared their unpleasant experiences with wheelchair taxis and said they should be shared with the Commissioners.</li> <li>Everyone agreed that being specific and direct with Commissioners was the best approach.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION:</b> MOTION TO PASS THE DRAFTING AND RESO OF THIS DOCUMENT. Ms. Villar moved and Ms. Prilleltensky seconded. Motion passes unanimously.</p> <p><b>MOTION IS AMMENDED:</b> To submit a draft resolution and a letter to the Commissioners that TNEs be required to provide power-wheelchair accessible vehicles rather than referring power wheelchair users to "alternate providers." CODI is seeking the opportunity to work with the County to arrive at equitable solutions. Motion passed unanimously, as amended.</p>
		<p><b>Retreat Discussions and Implementing Ora's CODI Effectiveness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Prilleltensky spoke about her handout regarding CODI effectiveness and about addressing specific goals and action plans that should dictate how CODI spends its time and conducts business.</li> <li>A date for the CODI Retreat is yet to be determined.</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Discuss Districts 6-13 Goals to Improve: Employment, Housing, and Transportation</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section will be deferred for the May 25, 2016 CODI monthly meeting. Districts 6-13 will discuss goals related to employment, housing, and transportation.</li> </ul>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.
	<b>Next CODI Meeting:</b>	The next CODI meeting will be May 25, 2016