NAMI –SCC Board Meeting

Location: Sash Mill Conference Room

Monday, March 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

# Call to Order 7:10. Board members present: Jorge, Melissa, Hugh, Pam, Carol, Lynda, and Advisory Board member Nancy Sherrod.

# Program Director: Sheryl Lee. Not present Rama, Jim Williamson. Guests Dave Frock and Richard Harrington

1. Approval of Minutes of February 13 2016 meeting, which was the Board planning meeting/retreat. Lynda moved approval, second by Hugh. All approved.
2. General comments. Guests who wish to speak to the Board may do so at this time.
   1. Hugh spoke about the new Gaming Group meeting on 3rd Friday of the month at Community Connection. It will start soon. Family members and peers are invited.

Contract agreement form signed. Keys given to Sheryl and Hugh by Andrea Turnbull. Great to see this project thanks to Sheryl and Hugh, and collaboration with CC

* 1. Sheryl mentioned new volunteer Tamara Cuchiarra wants to help with Human Race or in other ways. And Carleen Neuman offered to help with clerical work.

1. Board Development, Next Steps on Board Development from Retreat:

Nancy Sherrod facilitated discussion. Notes to be provided separately.

1. Volunteer Development Action Plan: committee to be formed. Tabled this item
2. Scholarships for active volunteers to attend the National Convention Denver, July 7-9 and State Conference Burlingame August 26/27 Burlingame. Discussion about how to encourage leaders to go to convention and conference by helping with their expenses. In 2015, $6,676 was spent on all travel and trainings (high in 2015 because of the National convention being in San Francisco, once every 5 years. About 11 people participated) Previous allocations were $3500 per year). The California conference comes to Burlingame every other year. Discussion of the importance and value of education. Prior practice: family members get reimbursed whatever amount is decided. Peers have all arrangements made and paid by NAMI. Typical over past 8 years: 4 to 15 people participate.

The board recommended a letter of interest be mailed to active volunteers in order to gauge the level of interest in attending either conference.

1. Stipends for facilitators of Peer Connections Wednesday Support Group.

Discussion on difficulty of this task and the scheduling with only 2-4 active leaders: Amante, Hugh, Kris, Carrie. Decisions to increase stipend from to $35 per facilitation when there are two facilitators,(formerly $30) and to pay $45 if only one facilitator does it. Potential trainees are Will Lewellyn and Carrie Jensen.

1. Volunteer Appreciation. Have not done a special acknowledgement of volunteers since the Seacliff/Severino’s brunch 3 (?) years ago. Date will be June 18th. This time just a real thank you, not a fund raiser. Invite up to 60 active volunteers, Budget estimate $1500.
2. Program updates. Had graduations of one Peer to Peer and one Family to Family. The Familia class will be in Watsonville in April, up to 15 students.
3. Finance report and briefing on County contract.

Reported on meeting with Carol and Pam Rogers Wyman who said NAMI will receive an additional $72,000 in county funding for 2016-17, for a new total of $90,000. For all work NAMI is presently doing which MHSA guidelines call for.

1. Speaker Meeting

March 16 meeting will be about services available for pre/post hospitalization. Inviting speakers from Telos, El Dorado, Second Story, SC MH Adult Services, and Coastal Turning Point.

1. New Business: see guest comments. No new business.

Adjourn at 8:15 pm