NAMI –SCC Board Meeting Minutes

**June 5, 2017**

Location: United Way Conference Room

4450 Capitola Rd, Suite 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Attendance: Carol Williamson, President

Board Members: Hugh McCormick, Warren Barry, Betsy Clark

Absent: Melissa Watrous, Tina Landino, Rama Khalsa

Advisory Board Member: Nancy Sherrod

Staff: Sheryl Lee, Program Director; Suzanne Williams, Administrative Assistant,

Hemie Ramirez, Spanish and Youth Program Coordinator

1. **Meeting called to order**: 6:08pm
2. **Approval of May 1, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Betsy; 2nd by Hugh, approved without dissent.

1. **General comments.**   
   Introduction of Hemie Ramirez, Youth and Spanish Programs Coordinator for NAMI SCC.
2. **Human Race, May 13. Report on event.**  
   We raised roughly $27,000; had 295 donations with an average of $50; largest donation $4,000. Elena is calling the large donors to thank them. She will also handle the rest of the thank yous. Ideas for thank you notes were discussed.
3. **Discussion of Speaker meeting May 17: author DJ Jaffee, “Insane Consequences”.**Carol gave an overview of the meeting. His focus is on improving crisis care, hospitalization options, and preventing incarceration of people with SMI. Fighting for legislative changes and funding. Feels that NAMI and NIMH became too broad of a mission, losing focus on serious issues. Running for National NAMI board. Some found certain remarks offensive. Others were inspired to take action and advocate for better allocation of funding.
4. **SC Police Department policy item, input from NAMI requested. (Warren Barry)**Warren reviewed the issue. He would like to refine some of SCPD policy regarding Hostage and Barricade Incidents. The board was provided with a draft of SCPD Policy 414 – Hostage and Barricade Incidents and Warren’s proposed amendments. Discussion. Intent is to allow officers to disengage or not engage with person barricaded in room or home when intrusion could escalate situation. Board agreed with his amendment with slight modifications of wording. Board was reassured that this would not result in abandonment of family in distress.Many thanks to Warren for bringing the item to NAMI for input.
5. **Scholarship requests for NAMI California conference and National Convention.**Carol & Sheryl have the requests and will allocate funds appropriately keeping within the $3000 approved at previous meeting.
6. **Program Reports  
   Youth and Spanish programs plans.**Hemie Ramirez is making progress in developing relationships with many key community people from schools and non-profits and County who will help to attract students for BASICS in Spanish and English, and for Familia,  **Class schedules**Basics classes in English & Spanish have been scheduled for October.
7. **Update: Celebrate Event September 7 or 14. Tanya Concert event November 11.**Still working on speaker for Celebrate Event. Date will be dependent on when speaker is available.

**Tanya Gabrielian’s concert performance** event is confirmed for Nov 11th at Aptos High School Performing Arts Theater. The SC Symphony will help with marketing.

Volunteer Barbara Monihan is coordinating.

1. **Advocacy committee discussion. Meeting with County and Telecare 6.12.17**Betsy will attend with Carol & Sheryl.
2. **Finance reports.**
3. **July 19 Speaker Meeting**Rama Khalsa and the new SC County BH Substance Use Director will present on topics of dual-diagnosis (Co-occurring disorders). Expect providers to turn out.
4. **Re-schedule July Board meeting to July 10 due to holiday.**
5. **Adjourn**Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.