NAMI-SCC Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2018

NAMI-SCC Office

Attendance: Members Carol Williamson, Tina Landino, Betsy Clark, Melissa Watrous, Warren Barry, and Hugh McCormick,

Advisory Committee Members Nancy Sherrod and Lynda Kaufman

Absent: none

1. Call to Order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Review of minutes**: Minutes of 7/23/2018 were approved as written.
3. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Betsy explained that as part of the re-affiliation process we need to sign an MOU, which delineates the relationship of our affiliate with NAMI CA, including our shared values, our respective roles and responsibilities, and also defines our service area. The MOU was approved by unanimous vote, with Tina moving approval and Melissa seconding.

1. **Second Story Closure**

Carol updated the Board on the planned closure of the Second Story Peer Respite Program. Carol, Betsy and Hugh have been active in the advocacy efforts to reverse this decision. The decision was made by Encompass and County Behavioral Health with no stakeholder input due to a serious funding shortfall and also problems with the grant which was used to purchase the house. As the news has spread there has been an outpouring of support from peers, family members, County staff, and community members. NAMI’s position is that we cannot afford to lose any beds (Second Story has 6 beds), and also that the respite provided by this program is uniquely valuable for both peers and their family members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 in order to begin interviews for Executive Director. Carol moved to adjourn, Warren seconded.