NAMI –SCC Board Meeting

Location: NAMI Santa Cruz OFFICE

542 Ocean Street, Suite F upstairs

Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes: October 1, 2018**

Attendance:

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

Advisory Committee Members: Nancy Sherrod and Linda Kaufmann

Executive Director: Therese Adams

Absent: Rama Khalsa

# Call to Order at 6:05 pm

1. General comments from guests. Nigel gave recap on Laura's Law project for Santa Cru/August newsletter. Very little response. Four people responded, two expressed interest in volunteering but no response. He felt he sent too much information and shared what needed to be done vs. asking how would you like to help. Starting nonprofit management program in January at CSUMB. He would like to intern at agency that takes Laura's Law inhouse as part of his school project.
2. Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2018 with changes to date - October 1, 2018 vs. September 8, 2018. The time also needs to be corrected from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Approved – motion by Tina, second by Warren.
3. Welcome new Executive Director Therese Adams and Program Manager Anastasia Baboulevitch. Therese will start October 29. Admin Assistant position still to be filled.
4. Re-affiliation Report by Betsy. We are part of the second group to get finished. Announced the election of officers. Approval and acceptance of bylaws by vote of the membership at Speaker Meeting.
5. Elections of officers by membership 9.19.18: President Carol Williamson, Treasurer Betsy Clark, Secretary Melissa Watrous. Board members: Hugh McCormick, Tina Landino, Warren Barry. Advisory Board: Lynda Kaufmann, Rama Khalsa. Technical Advisor Michael Fitzgerald. Approval of election officer. Approved - motion by Warren, second by Tina
6. Bay Federal Credit Union. Forms signed by Melissa and Carol. Approve the resolution to add Betsy, Therese and remove Lynda – Approved - motion by Hugh, Melissa second.
7. Approval of new Bylaws by membership 9.19.18. Board accepted memberships vote to approve bylaws. Approved - motion by Betsy, second by Tina.
8. Carol and Hugh presenting on Saturday 10/13, 2-3:30. Ryan Leaf, former NFL football player also presenting on Friday, 10/12 at 7 pm. Cherry has been doing the coordinating for speakers. We have 75 minutes to present. We will also have a table. Therese will work at the table. Michael Fitzgerald speaking about hospitalization on Friday, 10/12.
9. Be the Difference Awards on October 24 at noon at Coconut Grove. Carol has been nominated by Debra Sloss. She is in the top 5. Focused on law enforcement training. Warren shared the feedback has been 90% positive. Good feedback from our community on how the interaction with the police has been with their family members in crisis. Debra is sending an email out with details. Approved to buy s tables ($500 - possible partial reimbursed as people register) - moved by Tina, second Hugh.
10. End of Year Planning: MHCAN Party, End of Year appeal letter. Tina and Melissa will support again this year. Holiday party is Saturday December 12/8. Carol suggested looking at lighter jackets and vests for the women. Therese and Nancy will support with end of year appeal letter. We did a request for jackets and then one for end of year request last year. Consider combining. Lynda suggested a Go Fund Me page for the jacket request and then we send out on Facebook. The suggestion was also made that we encourage members to select NAMI Santa Cruz for Amazon Smile. Betsy suggested that there be a meeting held with Therese and Nancy to discuss possible options, how we maximize and communicate to our members.
11. Increase stipend for Peer presentation and support groups. $35 to $40 for facilitators, $1500 per year of increased cost for us (+$400 IOOV, $600 ETS, $500 Connections). Hugh mentioned it also helps us remain competitive. Approved - motion by Betsy, Warren second.
12. Update on planned closure of Second Story. We are currently in "wait and see" this week. Should know more by end of week. We have done a lot of advocacy work - meetings, calls, emails, letters. Trying to figure out what went wrong. We have support from Board of Supervisors. The ball is in their court to figure out an alternative. We cannot lose a single bed in the county. Lynda mentioned this is an accountability issue for the county. She mentioned the need for a behavioral health contractors association (like Monterey has), including all providers that serve our community members.
13. Advocacy conversation, stakeholder meeting results. Carol suggested more NAMI and law enforcement attend meetings. Have them monthly vs. quarterly. Lynda shared and suggested we watch SB1045 Community Conservatorship - mentally ill on the streets, chronic alcoholism, substance abuse, medically compromised. Through 2024, signed by Gov. Brown. Pilot program in San Francisco, San Diego and LA.
14. Hugh suggested we improve Peer programs. He would like the peer leaders to join the conversation to provide feedback on needs. They will attend future board meeting.
15. Adjourned at 7:45 pm