

**NAMI Sacramento, Board of Directors Meeting
March 16, 2009**

Members Present:

Pat Pavone, Belinda Beckett, Sherrie Sala-Moore, Larry Liseno, John Gilbert, Al Lipson

Members Absent:

Linda Beilharz

I. President's Report:

- ❖ We are still in need of a webmaster to take over for Linda, who will serve through April.
- ❖ NAMI Walk 2010: Pat has completed application, which is due by the end of June.
- ❖ Office Procedures: There have been some "hiccups" with Dawn's new duties related to memberships and recording information for the Donor Perfect software. Need to review processes to ensure (1) information gets to where it is needed and (2) there is no duplication of tasks.
- ❖ We received \$3,450 from NAMI California to support Peer to Peer.

II. Treasurer's Report

- ❖ Reviewed financial statements. Motion by Pat/2nd by John to approve Financial Statements as presented. Passed unanimously.
- ❖ On March 11, Larry and Pat met with Jeremy from Edward Jones regarding our investments. Since December 2008, we have lost approximately \$1,000 per month.
- ❖ Larry recommends rolling our investment funds into laddered CD's to "stop the bleeding." Laddering CD's maximizes the interest rate earned. Jeremy agrees this is the best approach if we anticipate a need to access these funds within the next 12 months.
 - ✦ Larry to follow up with Jeremy to confirm (1) if Jeremy can facilitate this action on our behalf, (2) what, if any, fees would be charged, and (3) that this action will not result in any penalties.
- ❖ Motion by John/2nd by Caroline to move all investment funds into laddered CD's. Passed Unanimously.

III. County/MHSA Updates

- ❖ Caroline reported that the past two MHSA Steering Committee meetings were canceled.
 - ✦ MHSA planning activities for the Workforce Education & Training (WET) component are complete, and the plan submitted to the State for approval.
 - ✦ Activities for the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) component are continuing, however, have been somewhat overshadowed by current fiscal crisis within the Division of Mental Health.

- * Opportunities to access MHSA funds for NAMI programs may exist from WET or PEI. Pat questioned if supplantation is a concern. Caroline believes the non supplantation rule applies to services that use public, not private, funds.
- * Al pointed out that funds for oversight of the WET component are not in place. In fact, none of the WET funds have been awarded or committed to anyone. Given the complex nature of the process, it is difficult to prepare until the county officially seeks bids or proposals from potential providers. Caroline agreed to draft a framework for possible proposal to county for In Our Own Voice.
- * The County's fiscal outlook in general is dire. The mental health budget has been cut drastically for the current fiscal year and further cuts are likely for the next fiscal year.
- * County reorganization: Effective March 1, 2009, the Sacramento County Department of Behavioral Health was established. The new Department includes the Division of Mental Health, the Division of Alcohol and Drug Treatment, and the Office of the Public Conservator/Public Guardian. Ann Edwards-Buckley is the Department Director. Leland Tom, MH Director, will retire effective March 27, 2009. Ann Edwards-Buckley will serve as interim director until a new director is named.
- * Pat asked Caroline to invite Ann Edwards-Buckley to give a presentation on the new Department of Behavioral Health at a general meeting in the fall.

IV. Fundraising

- ❖ United Way application has been submitted. Response expected in April.
- ❖ Belinda met with Michael Moore (consultant) regarding NAMI's fundraising needs, and received the following suggestions:
 - * Seek donations from hospitals - they are required to give away money to community-based organizations. Belinda set appointments to meet with the Community Benefits Manager at both Mercy and Sutter Hospitals.
 - * Sure West and P Family Fund are also good places to seek donations.
 - * Two direct mailings per year; include envelopes in newsletter twice per year.
 - * Board development matrix is a useful tool.
- ❖ YARD SALE APRIL 25
 - * Need items and tables.

V. Other Business

- ❖ Dues Increase: Motion by John/2nd by Caroline to increase dues by \$5 for family and consumer memberships, effective on July 1, 2009. Passed unanimously.
- ❖ Board Retreat: Tentatively set for July 18, 2009, 9am – 2pm at Pat's house.
- ❖ Larry reported a need to increase petty cash fund to \$250.
 - * Motion by Pat/2nd by Al to increase petty cash to \$200. Passed unanimously.
- ❖ Sontine is asking if we intend to bring her back at the same level as prior to her maternity leave. Discussed possibility of a transition period (10 hours per week). Issue tabled until April meeting.