

NAMI Sacramento, Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2009

Members present: Belinda Beckett, Caroline Caton, John Gilbert, Larry Liseno, Pat Pavone, Sherrie Sala-Moore

Members absent: Al Lipson (Al was representing NAMI Sacramento at another meeting.)

President's Report:

Police trainings: Pat reported that she and Harry Nichols completed 2 police trainings for the Sacramento Sheriff's Office.

Meeting with Emily Brayton – Janssen Pharmaceuticals: Pat met with Emily Brayton of Janssen Pharmaceuticals who indicated that Janssen would be interested in being a sponsor for the NAMI Walk.

Meeting with Jennifer Denning - Bristol Meyers Squibb: Pat reported that she missed an appointment to meet with Jennifer Denning from Bristol Meyers Squibb. She and Ms. Denning have spoken about rescheduling the meeting soon.

Issue with SMHC: The Board discussed the issue of SMHC turning away patients and what NAMI's position should be. It was agreed that the Board would learn as much as possible about the situation and that we would seek to have a meeting with the new county Director of Mental Health, Marianne Bennett, to discuss the state of mental health services countywide. It was also suggested that Belinda ask Ed Fishbein to interview the new director for a newsletter article.

Community Forums: A member of the NAMI Sacramento Board will attend each of the three Community Forums being held on the county budget crisis. Al attended the one the night of this meeting, June 16, and Pat and Caroline will attend the remaining two.

National and California Conferences: Pat will attend the NAMI California conference in Torrence. No one from the NAMI Sacramento Board will attend the national conference in San Francisco.

Outreach – “Learning to Live in America”: Pat received information about an event called Learning to Live in America which is geared to minority communities in Sacramento. Though it was agreed that this would be a good opportunity for outreach, the cost of \$150 was determined to be too high.

Volunteer Recognition: Pat has prepared certificates to recognize our many volunteers. She will distribute them at the August General Meeting.

Webmaster progress: Bob Silva, the new NAMI Sacramento web master, is currently taking a Dreamweaver class and has updated the web site.

The Board also discussed the issue of attendance at General Meetings. Suggested changes included reducing the number of meetings per year to bimonthly or quarterly, making some meetings an informal get-together, and changing the venue.

Treasurer's Report:

The May financial statement was reviewed. Pat moved and John seconded the motion to accept the statement as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

The Board discussed the proposed 2009-2010 Budget. There were questions about the breakdown under Income of "donations", "fundraising", and "United Way and other indirect donations". Larry said he will seek clarification from Naomi regarding those designations. There were also questions about the projected expenses for a post office box, and for "other outreach", and the NAMI walk. Larry will make the suggested changes to those items. Caroline moved and Sherrie seconded the motion to approve the proposed Budget. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the members present.

The Board reviewed Naomi's Gilbert's Independent Contractor's Consulting Agreement, noting that there are minor changes from last year's contract, primarily the addition of some disclaimer clauses. Pat moved and Caroline seconded the motion to approve the Consulting Agreement. John Gilbert recused himself from the contract discussion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote of the remaining members.

Executive Director's Report:

The Executive Director did not attend the meeting because she was ill.

Old/New Business:

HR 1415 - Pat reported that she had received an email from Al urging that NAMI Sacramento send a letter of support to Congresswoman Matsui and/or call her office urging her to cosponsor a bill, HR 1415, which would establish a 3 year \$75 million demonstration program to allow Medicaid coverage for 22 to 64 year olds served by inpatient mental health facilities. It would permit states to reimburse hospitals that are now required to stabilize patients in an emergency medical condition. The Board agreed to go on record as supporting the legislation. Caroline said she would draft a letter of support addressed to Matsui's office.

Expenditures - The Board discussed the need to be careful with all expenditures, including with the limited amount of funds we currently have available for NAMI programs.

NAMIWALK - Pat reported that the NAMI Walk Committee met in June. The location and date of the Walk were discussed. The proposed date is Saturday, April 24, 2010 and venues being considered are McKinley Park, Land Park, Ancil Hoffman Park, and River Bend Park (formerly Goethe Park).

Direct Mail Solicitation - The Board discussed the upcoming direct mail donation solicitation letter. The letter will be mailed in late June/early July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. There will be no regular Board Meeting in July. Instead, the Board will meet in closed session at a Board Development Retreat to be scheduled.

Submitted by Belinda Beckett, Vice President

