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NAMI Sacramento Board of Directors' Meeting April 21, 2008

Present: Caroline Prod, Pat Pavone, Al Lipson, Susan Whalen, Jeanne Templeman,
Linda Beilharz, Lloyd Lagerstrom

Absent: Heidi Sanborn, Sherrie Sala-Moore, Belinda Beckart, John Gilbert

- ❖ **Call to Order:** The NAMI Sacramento Board Meeting April 21, 2008 started at 6:40 PM. Pat made a motion to approve last months minutes as amended . Lloyd seconded Pat's motion, which was unanimously approved.

President's Report: The original meeting w/ Lynn Frank & Leland Tom where the conjoint letter of concern to be signed off by MHA & Wellness & Recovery planned handed to Lynn Frank and Leland Tom has been postponed to April 30th by Lynn Frank. The status of the County Formulary for mental health medications remains the same at the present time, e.g. confusion regarding the policy, and clients are reportedly being denied certain medications. The execution and implementation of the policy has reportedly been inconsistent and devoid of effective communication. The affected population are indigent, Short-Doyle recipients who are not currently eligible for MediCal or other form of insurance.

- MHSA-WET groups are moving forward. Older adults and CSS proposals will be voted on May 1, 2008.
- Caroline was invited to attend CIMH panel of advocates in Napa in late May representing NAMI.
- Caroline reported that she received requests for ten copies of NAMI Sacramento's Strategic Report and was highly complimented. Al Lipson volunteered with Pat to continued working on the benchmarks.
- Executive Assistant: 80 applications were received due to the very positive response from placement on Craig's List; 10-12 applicants appear to have exceptional skills. Dawn, John, Pat and Belinda will screen the applicants for interviews. The interviews are planned to be conducted by the members of the Executive Committee: Caroline, Pat, John and Jeannie. Pat introduced another problem, however; discovered during the course of the office move, and security access for the pending CSUS student intern. During the course of Pat's fact-finding, Lisa Berticcini, LCSW, clarified that nobody could be accommodated with an access badge except for Dawn, our receptionist, due to HIPPA requirements, etc. Additionally, Lisa Berticcini stated no badge could be provided for a new *paid* employee executive assistant, because it would be a "gift of public funds". Ms. Berticcini reported she was unaware that Dawn was an "employee". Ms. Berticcini intimated that should the matter be pushed, County Legal Counsel would probably instruct termination of the relationship based on the "gift of public funds" issue

posing a conflict of interest. We've reluctantly agreed as a Board to delay interviews pending resolution of the foregoing issues.

- ❖ **Treasurer's report:** John Gilbert was absent, but his Treasurer's report was provided to all Board Members for review by e-mail prior to the meeting.

- ❖ **Old/New Business Update:**

- Festival de la Familia: The copying expenditure along with the time commitment has been underestimated. None of the Hispanic volunteers are NAMI volunteers from Sacramento. It is a very large festival anticipating 1,000 for the event. NAMI Sacramento does have a booth at Cal Expo. Dawn tried to run 1,000 copies of the brochure, which impacted County equipment. Pat and Caroline determined to complete the copy job at Kinko's; Pat is purchasing candy at Costco. Pat's concern is that it is difficult to take on and handle events of this magnitude without outsourcing to AlphaGraphics or Kinkos, etc.
- Consumer Programs: Susan Whalen requests money for P2P after starting a class last Wednesday afternoon, and she has a class starting Thursday night. When she gets mentors and a location, by that time, they need to call their participants, the consumers aren't yet ready. What Susan wants to do is change to a fixed schedule of classes and locations, thus initiate another training to build up mentors. Pat made a motion to confer \$2,000 what Susan asked for another training, seconded by Caroline. Motion passed unanimously.
- Walk for Mental Health: Linda reported that Pat wrote By-Laws for Walk for Mental Health without any changes from previous By-Laws. Linda is doing some fact-finding about liability insurance. Turning Point's withdrawal from doing a health fair will scale back involvement considerably the magnitude of the event. Per Linda, this is not necessarily so disappointing insofar that it lightens our emphasis in this fundraising venue. Belinda, with her fundraising background, will work with Donna Bousquet of NAMI Yolo to select a vendor for on-line contributions. There will be no poster contest or Second Saturday. Overall, the event will be smaller scale. Sutter will not be a sponsor this year.
- Law Enforcement Academy Outreach April 16th Pat & Jeanne: Pat and Jeanne presented for the Sheriff's Academy students which was well received. David Guthrie is the contact person.
- St. Mark's Methodist Church Health Fair with Lynn Cathy, NAMI California/Jeanne Templeman- the church's health fair was well attended.
- Will Glasper's CSUS Internship package still in progress. We discussed need for NAMI to pay for Will's/Intern's Live Scan service. Motion made by Al Lipson, seconded by Lloyd Lagerstrom and voted unanimously by the Board. David Clements, NAMI member to follow up with details of paper application from DOJ for completion of contract for NAMI as recipient of data.

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❖ **Public Comment:** None

❖ **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Templeman, Secretary
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