

NAMI Whatcom Approved BOD Meeting minutes – 5-8-23

Directors: Brian, Mieka, Kim B, Chris, Jill, Blaire, Rosemary
Staff Kim S

Excused absence: Tom

5:33pm Call to Order, Mieka

Mission Statement & Land Acknowledgement: Mieka

Icebreaker: Rosemary

Guest Speaker: Brian E(Advocacy)

Crisis Responders Noted: GRACE, LEAD , ART (Bellingham only) and Sheriffs Behavioral Health Staff, Mobile Crisis Outreach Team(County Only)

Lobby Day Recap

- HB 1134 Integrating 988
 - SB 5300 Continuity of Coverage regarding psychiatric medications
- HB 1477 Health Plans/ Next day appointments

Information from Incarceration Reduction and Prevention Task Force

New Jail on ballot in November:

considering 3 locations Ferndale, Irongate, Downtown(Less footprint for Trauma Informed Jail).

Questions about #of beds, # of behavioral health beds, # of phases in building out Meeting May 24th for Public Comment

Consent Agenda: Brian moved, seconded, Rosemary, passed unanimous.

Major Issues for Discussion/Action

Discussion of Bilingual Community Outreach Specialist position. 2nd Interview Friday with Staff and Volunteer, @ more interested 1 has completed phone interview and has been asked for 2nd interview.

Hiding in Plain Sight 5/3. Kim B & Brian Excellent Discussion with Brylie and Sam as peer panelists, Dr James Harle, Beth Schilde-O'Conner BH School District, Kirke Hestad (Private Practice), Jen Lockwood(ED Brigid Collins), Amy Dunham (MAD Hope, Whatcom Community Family Network) Public officials in Attendance. Tabling Had 12 organizations Participate. 80 + attendees.

Upcoming Tabling: Kim S. East WHATCOM Regional Resource Center May 20th in Kendall (KS) Volunteers needed to staff at Youth Pride 6/3 Tabling and Block Cheering w/ MAD Hope WCFN(KB) and Pride 7/6 (Brylie)

NAMI Walks. Brian is the Captain of team "Whatcom Walks". The board will receive an email with the opportunity to become a member of the team and donate. NAMI Whatcom will receive 85% of all donations.. The Walk will be held June 3rd, at Marina Park in Kirkland, WA.

Whatcom Clubhouse(Kim S) discussion to use the wording Supporter

EDI :Mieka recap of NAMI Washington State EDI Trainings

Finance Fundraising: Kim S NAMI Whatcom ahs received First Fed Foundatin Grant \$5000 and Whatcom Community Foundation Project Neighborly Grant to Support Latinx Outreach

Stigma Stomp Oct 7 10am

Fundrasing/ Finance Committee meeting 5/9 12pm, Invite to all

Open discussion: Rosemary Board Secretary Discussion

Next Board meeting June 12^h, 5:30. Leader Rosemary, Icebreaker: Brian

Meeting Adjourned 7:00p

Submitted Kim Sauter