

NAMI Whatcom Approved BOD Meeting minutes – 4-13-23

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

Excused absence: Tom

5:33pm Call to Order,

Mission Statement Kim B

Guest Speaker: Jon Krause, Executive Director, Whatcom Clubhouse. Jon provided an overview of the status of the Clubhouse:

- He's hoping for an open house next month.
- The Clubhouse is in an industrial park facility in the Haskell business district
- They are going to operate it M-F, 8-5, and it will be by invitation only to join with a referral required by a provider or clinician.
- They are following the International Club House model and hope to be accredited by that organization.
- He has been doing some training and has visited other Clubhouses in Everett and Spokane to see how they operate.

Icebreaker: Chris

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

Discussion of Bilingual Community Outreach Specialist position. One screening interview completed. Will have the position open until the end of April and then interview finalists for the position.

Hiding in Plain Sight 5/3. Planning is complete and the event is on schedule. Will have ASL and Spanish translators. For Spanish, the translator will be in a separate room and participants will wear headsets to receive the translation in real-time. Handouts for the event are available both in English and Spanish. Event posted to Cascadia Weekly.

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.

Finance Fundraising: no report

Bloom Consulting. **I forgot to write down what was said here.**

Advocacy. Brian gave an overview of NAMI WA’s priority bills, which are:

SB 5130 Concerning AOT

HB 1134 Integrating 988

SB 5300 Continuity of Coverage

HB 1724 Behavioral Health Workforce

SB 5440 Competency/Trueblood

All the bills are still alive but some may go to conference to iron out differences between the House and Senate before the session adjourns on 4/23.

Board storytelling

Jill suggested we continue to work on this. Brian suggested she come of the next Finance Committee meeting to pursue this issue further.

Open discussion:

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Next Board meeting May 8th, 5:30. Leader Mieka, Icebreaker: Rosemary