

# Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

## NAMI Whatcom

June 9, 2022

Virtual (Zoom)

Approved by Motion 2022-07-14.1a

### Present

**Board:** Brian Estes (President), Mieka Rhoades (VP), Tom Scott (Secretary), Kim Brown (Treasurer), Rosemary Webb, Blaire Sebren and Chris Ohana.

**Staff:** Kim Sauter (Executive Director).

**Volunteers:** Ruth Davidson.

**Guests:** Diane Sue (LivingWithResilience.com, NAMI member & parent).

### Absent

**Board (Excused):** Blaire Sebren.

## Called to Order by Brian 12:01am. Kim B. sat in as Meeting Facilitator

Kim B. read the Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgement.

### Ice Breaker – Brian

Members practiced using previously submitted talking points in responses to provided scenarios.

The role of “Downtown Ambassadors”. Off hand described as monitoring the streets, maybe working with BPD. Unclear... Program is run by CoB as part of the Downtown Partnership.

### Youth Mental Health Documentary Film - Diane Sue

“Connecting the Dots” film to be screened 8am tomorrow via Zoom. Link to be provided by Kim S.

### Clubhouse Q&A - Ruth

Training has commenced. State money has come through. Working on 501(c)3, ETA end of June.

Training fun & comprehensive and included 25 people from across the continent.

Mission statement created and published from a few candidates.

Generally moving faster than other groups having formed a Clubhouse. Lots of volunteers.

Thinking about hiring a director as soon as 501©3 status is secured. Internally debating job description and salary. Also working on staffing model.

See resources for complete report.

**Consent Agenda: Motion 2022-06-09.1** Accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Rosemary, **Brian**, **Passed unanimously.**

- **Motion 2022-06-09.1a** Approve May 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented;
- **Motion 2022-06-09.1b** Accept the May 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

## Major Issues for Discussion - Multiple

Finance/Fundraising committee – Rosemary: Met last week tracking Stigma Stomp and supporting same (looking for sponsors).

Request that Whatcom County increase NAMI funding in 2023 – Brian

Asking to ramp up from \$20K to \$60K – \$80K

988 and other new programs rapidly approaching. More and higher paid staff is likely to be needed.

Money would likely come from Behavioral Health Fund (paid by 0.1% Sales Tax), likely to suggest more from General Fund to avoid taking from other related programs.

NAMI Walks, June 4 – Brian – Brian attended. Well run and fun. "...good event, glad [he] went."

August 6 Fairhaven – Kim S "*Fairhaven Funky Reviews*" or something similar, actual name TBA.

## Advocacy, Western Front article (WWU student periodical) – Kim S/Brian

*"Community Voices on Public Safety"*

## Marketing Videos, Board Member Reactions – Kim S.

"Marketing/Publicity plan. Comments on press release."

Riley Sweeny Communications Officer for Ferndale provided some input for publication and recommended using Vimeo.

## Staffing Changes – Kim S.

Amy has left. Hired Brylie.

An executive session ensued regarding compensation of staff members in general.

**Motion 2022-06-09.2** Delegate salary decisions to E.D. within current total compensations. **Moved Brian, Kim. Passed 6 to 1.**

## Next Meeting July 14 (Kim B.)

Chris to facilitate.

## Birchwood International Market – Brian

June 17<sup>th</sup> @ NW near "Big Lots", arriving at 5:30 to setup – NAMI to have a table – Brian, Kim.

Hispanic possibly some Sike outreach among others.

Discussed resources/needs. Brian will follow up.

## Adjourned 1:43pm (Tom, Brian)

## Supporting/Related Resources

- [www.ConnectingTheDotsFilm.com](http://www.ConnectingTheDotsFilm.com) (Noted by Diane Sue)
- TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Scott, Secretary