

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

NAMI Whatcom

September 8, 2022

Virtual (Zoom)

Approved by Motion 2022-11-10.1a

Present

Board: Chris Ohana, Rosemary Webb, Mieka Rhoades (VP), Blaire Sebren and Tom (Secretary).

Staff: Kim Sauter (Executive Director).

Volunteers: None.

Guests: None.

Absent

Board (Excused): Brian Estes (President), Kim Brown (Treasurer).

Called to Order by Chris 12:03am. – Chris

Land Acknowledgement – Mieka

Consent Agenda: Motion 2022-09-08.1 Accept the Consent Agenda as amended. **Moved Rosemary, Mieka, Passed unanimously.**

- **Motion 2022-09-08.1a** Approve July 14, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Stigma Stomp

Kim S. lining up volunteers at different times.

Discussed how to promote.

Bloom Consulting Grant Project

Discussed Funding a Grant Writer Position is needed to fulfill our strategic plan.

Kim signed contract costing \$2,500 total to provide information, find prospects and put together a calendar.

Project will last two months.

Rosemary recommended that a Board member step up to assist. Chris so volunteered.

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

NSBHAS recommended NAMI Whatcom have someone go to meetings regarding Medicaid funding and learn more about NSBHAS.

First Tuesday of the month. Kim S. to attend.

Rosemary volunteered to attend as well.

Candidate Forum

October 6th. Brian to Coordinate.

Whatcom Community Foundation Board Match

The Board Match has been discontinued. WCF will advise when it may resume, hopefully 2023.

One application has come in. Other interest voiced.

No review has commenced as yet but may happen in a couple weeks.

An impromptu discussion ensued about meeting in person vs. virtual.

The group decided to continue business meetings virtually, while still supporting in office participation.

The group decided to add in-person social meetings at the office to promote better contact with the facility and the organization activities.

Consensus was that the first social meeting should take place in November or December.

Possibly coinciding with other activities.

Next Meeting October 13th.

Leader: Mieka

Ice Breaker: Chris

Guest Speaker: Possibly someone from North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services.

Fairhaven Funky Bazaar

Rosemary noted approximate \$2,560 was raised. However, some of the sponsorships were from donors in common with Stigma Stomp indicating a need to diversify.

Kim noted that discussions indicate a need to better "get the word out".

Adjourned 12:48pm (Mieka, Tom) Unanimous.

Supporting/Related Resources

- None.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Scott, Secretary