

NAMI Whatcom APPROVED Meeting Minutes 8_14_23

Attending: Kim B, Brian, Mieka, Rosemary, Chris, Kim S, Blaire

Guest: Summer Starr Deputy Director NAMI WA

Excused Absence: Tom, Jill

5:31p Mission statement Chris O, Land acknowledgement Kim B

Ice breaker Brian

Guest Speaker Summer on Board Development

NAMI North Central WA needed Board Members , invited players in BH system(Molina, Coordinated Care, etc.) in the area to convene to discuss NAMI Board development needs. They decided to ask these stakeholder to take part in BOD recruitment committee and utilize/leverage their networks to find BOD members. They developed a marketing campaign that they all shared with their contacts. Utilized NAMI Board descriptions, and screening interview tool. Use of BOARD Matrix to determine who they needed on their board. Set deadlines so both recruitment committee and prospective BOD members know when the applications would be due and recruitment committee knew when their service is complete.

Consent agenda Chris -approved with amendments to Treasurer's report

Kim S : Youth Crisis Center in Everson Touchstone (Dr Erika Credyt) spearheading . August 17th 12-6pm tabling. Stigma Stomp October 7th Kim S asks that all Board attend 9:15 -12:00pm this is our major fundraiser.

Staffing New employee is leaving due to unforeseen circumstances. We will be reaching out to recruit

Finance/Fundraising: Kim S

Overview of Stigma Stomp fundraising

Review of Fairhaven Funky August 5, We spoke with many people, Excellent turnout and donations. Thanks to Shan and Laurie and all volunteers

Bloom Consult Update: NAMI Innovation Grant submitted.Finishing Superfeet grant??this week.

Advocacy Behavioral Health/ Public Policy: Brian: We had a request to endorse the Nov. referenda on a new jail. , Brian consulted with NAMI WA Public Policy Director who recommended,for a variety of reasons, that we not endorse this ballot measure. NAMI BOD discussion around supporting or not, everyone felt that this was not an issue to support

Board Bylaws Kim B Discussion of attendance at Board Meetings and other NAMI Whatcom Events . Bylaws currently state. Individual Directors are required not to miss three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled Board Meetings. Missing said number of meetings is grounds for Removal. Further discussion warranted. Recommended reviewing Policy and Procedures specifically Ethics Section

Open Discussion : Conflict Resolution Seminar with NAMI State Wednesday 8/15 at 11AM

Next meeting September 11th Mieka lead, Chris Icebreaker

Submitted by Kim Sauter 8/15/2023