

NAMI Whatcom Approved BOD Meeting minutes 3_13_2023

Directors: Brian, Mieka, Kim B, Chris , Jill

Staff Kim S

Excused absence: Tom, Blaire, Rosemary

5:33pm Call to Order, Mission Statement Mieka

Land Acknowledgement Kim S

Icebreaker: Jill

Guest Speaker Mario Banuelos Empower Next Generations Whatcom County based non-profit: Mission Advocating for culturally relevant and inclusive access to positive social determinants of health and success for Black, Brown, Indigenous, Immigrant parents, and foster youth. Vision reduced inequality. Good health and well being, safe communities, supportive institutions. They offer Covid health information in a number of languages in videos on their website, immigrant relief funds, teach English and offer translation for many south and central American Languages(Also Russian,Ukrainian), Noted that there is a common misconception that folks speak and read Spanish and actually in Whatcom County there are many languages spoken.

Consent Agenda Brian moved, seconded. Unanimous

Discussion of Bilingual Community Outreach Specialist position and ideas for advertising, WWU Spanish,Teaching College,C2C, Peace and Justice Center, Unity Care, Seamar, Skagit Contacts, CCS, Bea Bowen Goodwill, DVR

Finance / Fundraisng:

NAMI Walks June 3, Brian head up, Stigma Stomp Brainstorm Sponsors T-Mobile, Cute but Crazy Socks,Ideal, Peace Health, RS -BP. Grants update receive WCF and Tardive Dyskenisia.

Advocacy:

Lobby day Recap from Kim B. Telling personal stories very powerful. Sign up for Advocacy Alerts anepomuceno@namiwa.org

Open Discussion Hiding in Plain Sight Event May 3 WCC

Change Meeting Date and time due to BOD Officers availability 2nd Thursday at 12p Discussion Unanimous

Next Meeting Thursday April 13, 12pm Kim B lead, Chris O icebreaker