

NAMI Whatcom
APPROVED
Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024

Attending:

Board members: Kim B, Rosemary, Chris, Brian, Sue, Mieka

Executive Director: Kim Sauter

Guest: none

Absent : Tom

Minutes by Chris Ohana

1. Meeting called to order @ 12:00
2. Icebreaker
3. Consent Agenda: Passed unanimously
4. Major Issues for discussion/action

Kim S and Brian will table at the Greekfest

Reminder of the Bliss and Boogie fundraiser 9/8 from 12-4pm. Brylie will need volunteers.

Education Forum will be September 26@6:30. It will be available on Zoom and webinar.

Stigma Stomp on Oct 12. Reminder to register and volunteer.

Succession Planning: Snohomish and Skagit asked if Whatcom wanted to share a Executive Director with them. There was unanimous opposition.

We are down \$20k at this point compared to last year. We may need to dip into reserves. We need to find a better financial base in order to pay a competitive salary. Should we begin an exemption from county funding rule? If we need more, we will have to undertake the competitive process. That is unlikely for this year.

We need to get volunteers better organized in order to relieve pressure on Kim S.

5. Fundraising/Finance

Kim S wrote and submitted a draft proposal to Peace Health. Rachel suggested that we go for more sponsorship money.

6. Advocacy

Brian discussed the involuntary treatment act and the need for changes, especially in the development of criteria.

Next Thursday the NAMI WA policy committee meets. Brian asked if we want them to state a position on 2117 and 2109. Sue suggested that we not “stray from our lane” to act on initiatives that don’t directly relate to mental health. 2117 (to repeal a cap & trade climate initiative) lacks the direct connection. 2109 which repeals the capital gains tax would likely directly affect funding for mental health. We agreed to recommend a no vote on 2109.

Brian reported on the 988 campaign meeting.

Next Meeting: October 3. Brian will lead and Mieka will create the icebreaker. Chris will not be available so someone else needs to take minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.