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**Minutes - NAMI San Joaquin County
Board Meeting**

Thursday, May 15^h, 2014, 6 P.M.

SJCMH, 1212 N. California St. Room B, Stockton, CA 95202

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Tasso Kandris held one moment of silence for Raul Sanchez

Roll Call: William Smith, Tasso Kandris, Gertie Kandris, Elizabeth Hess, James Jones, Jennie Montoya, Irene Sherman, Ron Vandermoon, Rita Verde-Fellows

Absent: Raksmev Castleman, Pamela Swift

Guest: Nancy Smith, Debbie Alter

Approval of Minutes: Gertie Kandris made a motion to approve the minutes after amendments. James Jones seconded. Motion passed. William Smith voted to not approve the minutes.

Public Comment: Nancy Smith recommended that in memory of Raul Sanchez' passing, NAMI donate \$25.00 to a shelter. Bill motioned to have the suggestion put on the agenda. Motion passed. Bill motioned to donate \$25.00 to shelter. Jim seconded. Motion passed. Tasso reviewed correspondence from Communications Committee. (see attachment 1). William motioned to add to next meeting agenda. Jennie seconded. Debbie Alter requested copies of future agendas and meeting minutes for guests which would make her reporting easier and more timely. Debbie also brought in 9 new memberships and a \$36.00 donation from her Basics Class. She showed samples of name badges and asked for approval to make them. Item will be added to June meeting. And finally Debbie brought up issues with #5 of last month's meeting regarding personal comments being added to minutes. Liz mentioned that anything on the agenda also goes in the minutes. Bill mentioned that all NAMI e-mails are public. Rita Verde-Fellows mentioned that the correspondence from communication committee was not meant as a critique for the board but only as suggestions.

Correspondence: African American Arts is having a fair at Weber's Point August 2nd and wants to know if NAMI wants a booth @ \$50.00 for exhibitors and \$100.00 for retailers. It will be put on agenda for June meeting.

New Business

1. **Suggestion that NAMI have business cards with basic info on back** - Tasso brought up a suggestion that NAMI have business cards with program information on the backside. William Smith proposed that there's not room for much information on back and the cost could be extensive. Jennie mentioned that their reps bring pamphlets with business cards stapled to them. Tasso said that he received a card from the Lauchland foundation that had pertinent information on the back that gave him the idea for NAMI. Irene Sherman agreed that carrying around quite a few pamphlets was inconvenient and they become bent by the time you use them. Nancy Smith will research cost and feasibility of having information on back of cards.

2. **Further discussion regarding public comments - Bill** - William Smith handed out samples of proposals to change the way public comments are handled. Copies of all agendas, reports and handouts should be made available. Discussion and explanation of the Brown Act was made. Gertie Kandris made a motion to accept the written version of document that says MAC. Jennie seconded it. Motion passed.

3. **Taping the Board Meetings - Bill** - William Smith recommended taping the meetings. Jennie Montoya made a motion. Liz Hess seconded the motion.

4. **Calling for vote by roll call - Bill** - William Smith recommended calling for vote by roll call. Tasso considered it a procedural issue and approved. No vote necessary.

Old Business:

1) Speakers Report – June, July, Aug, Sept – Bill

June – James Soo y RAS program manager from Recovery House will explain their program

July – Steve Moore will discuss Jail and mental illness

Aug – Michael Fields from the Wellness Center

Sept – Julie Kent CEO from Ryan Lauchland Memorial Fund

2) Communications Update- Rita Nothing to report

3) Update on Spanish Literature - Rosalva Absent

4) **Pasta Lunch and Raffle Tickets - Bill & Jenny** Jennie Montoya reported collections of \$335.00+another \$300.00 tonight. William Smith reported it will be last year for Tony as cook. Irene Sherman mentioned there are plenty of volunteers.

5) **Nami Walk - Bill & Liz** - SJC has raised \$12946.00 per website. NAMI Walks No Cal has raised over \$140,000.00 Top Teams so far Liberated Minds-\$3102.00 Highsteppers-\$2104.00 Hope For Tomorrow - \$1410.00

Reports:

A: Treasurer's report-Elizabeth Hess: \$1,000.00 donation from Mat & Ruth Stefanic in appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Irene Sherman and Mary Ellen Bennett-Cranston in teaching the F2F class. Received 4k from county for IOOV program. Decision needs to be made for changing payment for Constant Contact. Currently on Debbie Alters credit card. William Smith motioned we pay 1 year in advance @ \$294.0. Irene seconded the motion. Motion approved.

B: Bills presented for payment- Nancy Smith presented bills for 4 Provider Education Teachers @ \$500.00 each along with reimbursements for supplies for PET. Also a bill for Accountant @ \$560.00 for tax return.

C: Legislative Report – Gertie Medical has made some changes. Those patients living with a mental illness on medical will not have to pay for procedures (see attachment 2). No vision available. There will be a meeting for Laura's Law on Wednesday the 21st of May @ 6pm in the MHB. Orange County has approved a version of Laura's Law (see attachment 3).

D: MH&SAB Report – Gertie No report until meeting next week

E: Report on Consortium & SUD's Student Wellness Advisory Com. Meeting - Bill William Smith went to the Consortium on May 7th and thanked everyone for their help with the Walk. Handed out flyers for the pasta luncheon. Met with Ron Shaw of NAMI California and gave him a donation. Working on getting him a job at Mental Health and he will continue with NAMI California. Attended the Student Wellness Advisory Committee. There was one attendee from NAMI and 15 students. William Smith handed out program brochures. Also spoke with Karen Coleman, school board coordinator, regarding the ETS program. She will help to get the program in more schools. There is a staffing realignment and William will put the information at the NAMI office for everyone to refer to. John Rhodes from Union Bank says United Way gives grants up to \$1500.00. They have a neutral board that decides who receives the grant. William will also retrieve information about the United Way Grant.

F: Other Committee Reports from any of the committees? William Smith met with Michael Fields who updated on his programs. Presentation at Delta College with Nancy Smith and Liz Hess. Support Group has 10-15 people attending. Peer to Peer has 16 people with 3 new trainees for IOOV. There were 40-50 attendees at the Bear Creek Church Presentation.

6) NAMI CA Trainings - Family to Family & Familia a Familia Teacher Training - May 30-June 1st, 2014 Elk Grove - Liz Hess will attend.

7) Educational Programs Report for 2014 -

- A. Family to Family & Familia a Familia (volunteer - no contract)** None currently
- B. IOOV - En Nuestra Proipa Voz (SJCBS contract - stipends)** Rosalva trying to get a spanish one going.
- C. Peer to Peer - Persona a Persona (SJCBS Contract- Stipends)**
- D. Basics Program** May 2nd class finished. 15 graduates.
- E. Provider Education Courses (SJCBS contract)** May 7th classes finished 19 graduates
- F. NAMI CalMHSAs Programs**
 - PTAA - May 20th
 - ETS - no more funding
 - IOOV -

4) Support Groups Report:

A: English Family Support Groups = Lodi (11) Manteca, Stockton (9) Tracy (6)
B: Spanish Family Support Group = Stockton (?)
C: Connections Support Groups = Stockton (7) Tracy (no report) Wendy has agreed to train classes

5) Good of the Order

William Smith suggested they remove Oodles of Noodles and replace with Pasta Luncheon.
Irene Sherman reminded everyone that new pamphlets are needed ASAP. She will make a list of types needed. Priorities are the main NAMI pamphlet, Bipolar and Depression.
Discussion of whereabouts of NAMI Banner leads to the discovery of its possible placement at Rabobank.
Irene will visit the bank to see if it is there.
Discussion of By Laws and meeting protocol and the fact that the President is a member of all committees and shall be informed of dates and times of committee meetings.

Adjourn: 8:00pm

Next NAMI SJC Board Meeting: Thursday, June 19th, 2014, 6 P.M.
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Submitted by Elizabeth Hess, Treasurer NAMI San Joaquin County