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May 5, 2010

NAMI Texas Board Meeting

April 10, 2010

San Antonio, Texas

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of NAMI Texas was held as scheduled. John Dornheim called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Attendance:

Directors present: John Dornheim , Eric Willard, Sharon DeBlanc, Andrea Hazlitt, Polly Ross Hughes, Karen Garber, Paula Hendrix, Jody Schulz, John Tatum, Elvia Ruelas

Directors absent : David Gibson, Jane Harmon, Basil Casteleyn, Jr.

Ex-officio members present: Maurice Dutton, Cliff McGlotten, Patti Haynes, past president

Ex-officio members absent: Andy Gibson

Staff: Robin Peyson, Kristalle Jaime

Visitor: Amy Prause from NAMI Austin sat in for Andy Gibson

Quorum:

John Dornheim noted that a quorum was present.

Action Item: Approval of Agenda for today's meeting:

Sharon DeBlanc moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second was made by Eric Willard. It was unanimously ***Resolved*** to approve the agenda.

John Dornheim asked if anyone had a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda. None were noted.

Action Item: Approval of Minutes

Eric Willard moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Second was made by Sharon DeBlanc. It was unanimously ***Resolved*** to approve minutes as corrected.

Executive Director's Report:

Robin Peyson reviewed her submitted report of her activities for the month. Robin reported that Margaret McKoin and Jon Foxman have a spring fundraiser with the Texas Motor Speedway scheduled for June 5, 2010 and NAMI Texas will receive a portion of the proceeds. NAMI Texas volunteers may be needed. The VIA Hope Steering Committee approved trainings FY 2010 for Peer to Peer, Visions for Tomorrow, and Great Minds Think Alike. Robin is continuing to work with DSHS and Linda Frost with the Hogg Foundation on the additional funds that the Foundation is providing in support of workforce development through VIA Hope. Robin submitted a Risk Management Report advising of administrative changes that have been made to increase security for our members, staff, records, and financial documentation, on-line banking, and credit cards. Robin said our current legal fees total \$6,954.00 at \$380.00 per

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hour. **Action Item:** After discussion, Eric Willard moved that Robin check on a retainer agreement with our current lawyer and find out if this agreement would apply to other members of his firm. Second was made by Andrea Hazlitt. It was unanimously *Resolved* that Robin will check on a retainer agreement and verify if other members of the firm are included.

A question was raised on the procedure of signing contracts for NAMI Texas. After discussion, **Action Item:** Sharon DeBlanc moved that we not delegate responsibility for signing contracts solely to the Executive Director but that all future contract must go through the Executive Committee for approval. After approval of the contract, the contract will be signed by the Board President and the Executive Director. The second was made by Andrea Hazlitt. The motion passed with one opposition.

Robin informed the Board that Beth Swalm will provide a \$10,000 match for funds raised by the Board in the last 6 months of this year (April 1 – August 31, 2010).

NAMI National launched a Social Networking site for young adults. Amy Prause has check the site and found it to be very helpful.

Action Item: Robin asked all Committee Chairs to contact Paula Hendrix will all names of their committee members who are not on the current list.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan:

Karen Garber reviewed the revised current draft for our Strategic Plan. The Mission Statement for NAMI Texas is changed to reflect current changes in the direction for NAMI Texas. A change to the Mission Statement will have to be voted on at our annual election. This plan makes the hiring of a Director of Development a priority. Discussion was held on the jobs expected of the Director of Development and funds to hire one. It was suggested that two people are needed to meet the goals in the Strategic Plan: one for fundraising and one for public relations. These jobs are in the three year projection and will depend on funds available. Discussion was held on obtaining grants for the job as opposed to raising unrestricted funds. On Goal #3, page 5, it was suggested that the responsible parties will include ED and Education Committee; Activity 1, page 6: responsible parties include Affiliate Outreach Committee and Education Committee; The importance of social networks such as Face Book and Twitter were also discussed. Amy Prause volunteered to set these up. **ACTION ITEM:** Voting on the Strategic Plan was set aside for the Executive Committee to review and present to the Board at the next meeting.

Action Item: John Dornheim reviewed all open action items. A list of all open items is located at the end of the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Conference Committee Report:

John Dornheim reported that the keynote speakers are in place. There is a possibility that Temple Grandin will present a workshop on Autism and also the possibility of showing the movie about her life on movie night, Temple Grandin.

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Fundraising Committee Report:

Andrea Hazlitt reviewed her submitted report. She stated that the Conference Committee is depending on the Fundraising Committee to raise about \$40,000 in donations to fund the conference. She stressed the importance for Board members to help identify additional potential sponsors with contact names and addresses.

Public Policy Committee Report:

Eric Willard presented the report. The Committee discussed two issues: (1) our position on a Legislative Budget Board inquiry about Texas adopting the NorthSTAR model state-wide, and (2) our legislative priorities for the 2010 and the 2011 legislative session. A statement of position was drafted, printed on letterhead, signed by President, John Dorhneim and given to Phil Cates to deliver to Chairman Pitts. The statement basically stated that our position was to spend more, spend wisely, and save money in the long run. Discussion was begun on numerous issues for our legislative agenda and the committee agreed to continue with those from last year which include: modification of the insanity defense; seeking statutory changes requiring dismissal of state jail and third degree felonies after an individual exceeds the maximum period of incarceration on the felony by either being in jail or committed into a forensic unit of a state hospital, opposing privatization of mental health hospitals where the corporation is in it for the money only, supporting increased funding for out-patient competency restoration programs, seeking to ensure that dual diagnosis Substance Abuse Felony Program Facilities (SAFP) not mistreat probationers, supporting increased funding for assisting dual diagnosed individuals with a brain disorder and a substance abuse disorder; supporting increased funding for supported-housing for individuals diagnosed with brain disorders, and supporting more jail diversion programs.

Discussion was held on the possibility of NAMI Texas monitoring private hospitals to insure that they are held accountable for proper care and treatment of patients. Robin Peyson was asked to contact Mike Maples regarding this issue and report back to Eric Willard.

New Business:

Karen Garber received an award from the Texas Council of Mental Health.

Executive Session:

Action Item: The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. Karen Garber moved to close the Executive Session at 1:40. Second was made by Eric Willard. Motion carried. This also ended the regular board meeting.

Open Action Item Review: the following items have not been closed:

Action Item <postponed> Discussion for an Advisory Development Committee will be discussed at a future date, to be announced. (Development Director and Robin Peyson) still pending

Action Item <open> The Ad-hoc committee to review, update, and possibly put Board book information on CD or webexone will meet with Robin Peyson and final decisions should be completed by August 20. – Revised Board Book is posted on webexone and all Board members should review. Sharon did not receive suggestions emailed by Andrea Hazlitt and Eric Willard. They will resend and a revised draft will be posted on the webexone site. Eric will call Robin and verify this item is completed by March 10. Board members will review and vote at May meeting

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Action Item <open> The Ad-hoc committee for domain name procedures for the internet will write a policy and present it to the Board. David Gibson is the Chair of this committee. (still pending—need to find someone to help) sent to the Bylaws Committee to write policy that all domains are owned by NAMI Texas for May

Action Item <pending> Education Committee to resolve specified issues on licensing GMTA to outside organizations.- pending until Executive Committee resolves specific stated issues –

Action Item <pending> Education Committee to resolve specified issues on curriculum for generation recovery for the elderly.- pending - Robin is communicating with Pfizer on options and will discuss in April and will also find out about other similar programs already written - Robin will meet with Pfizer later this month (April) to see if funds can be used to support other NAMI Texas education programs and will report in May

Action Item <open> John Dornheim develop a plan to address NAMI National email campaign – pending – John D. will talk with several NAMI National Board members about adding this topic on the agenda for the National Conference – will report at April meeting – John and Robin talked to Mike Fitzpatrick. He will send report showing how much NAMI National has received from Texas. Mike said it was more for education than fundraising.

Action Item <open> Robin will contact our attorney and check on a retainer agreement and find out if this agreement would apply to other members of his firm.

Action Item <open> Robin will contact Mike Maples regarding NAMI Texas monitoring private hospitals to be sure they are held accountable for their care and treatment of patients. She will report back to Eric Willard.

Action Item <open> All Committee Chairs need to contact Paula with names and contact information of committee members not on current list.