

CORRECTED & APPROVED

NAMI Texas Board Meeting

Conference Call

September 08, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of NAMI Texas was held as scheduled. John Dornheim called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Attendance:**

**Directors present:** John Dornheim, Andrea Hazlitt, Paula Hendrix, Eric Willard, John Tatum, Jane Harmon, Basil Casteleyn, Jr., Elvia Ruelas, Sharon DeBlanc

**Directors excused:** Polly Ross Hughes

**Directors absent :** David Gibson, Jody Schulz, Karen Garber

**Ex-officio members present:**

**Ex-officio members absent:** Andy Gibson, Cliff McGlotten, Maurice Dutton, Patti Haynes, Jackie Shannon

**Staff present:** Robin Peyson,

**Quorum:**

John Dornheim noted that a quorum was present.

**Action Item: Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**Action Item: Approval of Minutes**

Elvia Ruelas moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Second was made by Sharon DeBlanc. It was unanimously **Resolved** to approve the minutes as submitted.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Robin Peyson reported that we had received a grant from the Hogg Foundation in the amount of \$504,211.90. She also reported that there was no new information on the law enforcement issues.

**Action Item: Approval of Financial Report:**

Basil Casteleyn, Jr., reviewed the submitted financial statements. The beginning checking and savings balance as of July 01, 2010 was \$241,300.59. As July 31, 2010, the checking and savings balance was \$201,220.30. Total expenses for July were \$68,522.17.

Eric Willard made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given. Second was made by Sharon DeBlanc. It was unanimously **Resolved** to approve the Treasurer's report.

**Old Business:**

**Budget Review and Discussion**

**Action Item:** Robin Peyson presented the Finance Committee's proposed budget FY2011. After questions and discussion, it was unanimously **Resolved** to adopt the budget as presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**Bylaws Committee:**

Proposed Bylaws amendments will be mailed within the designated period of time. Ballots will also be mailed out. The Newsletter with bylaws amendments and completed questionnaires by individuals running for Board positions are posted on the NAMI Texas website.

**Public Policy Committee:**

**Action Item:** Eric Willard presented the Committee's top three legislative priorities chosen for this year for approval by the Board:

1. Providing a basic level of mental health services
2. Clarifying emergency commitment/detention laws to ensure the protection of our mentally ill
3. Strengthening competency and insanity laws

After discussion, second was made by Jane Harmon to adopt these three priorities. It was unanimously **Resolved** to adopt the submitted priorities.

**Conference Committee Report**

John Dornheim updated Board on final details.

**Fundraising Report**

Update was given by Andrea Hazlitt on Conference fundraising activities.

Eric Willard made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn.

**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> 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. No progress - Robin has sent emails to Mike, waiting for reply

Action Item <open> The Board of Directors shall provide in the Policy and Procedures Manual specific procedures on how decisions shall be made in the Policy on NAMI Texas web sites. John will appoint an ad hoc committee to draft the procedures for the new Policy on NAMI Texas web sites. Pending