NAMI California Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Thursday, April 19, 2012
Conference Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Hendrickson, President; Mark Gale, 1st Vice President; Brenda Scott, 2nd Vice President; Frances Tibbits, Treasurer; Shannon Jaccard, Secretary; Randy Beckx, Ratan Bhavnani, Shannon Peterson and Navah Statman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: May Farr and Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiolo, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Bettie Reinhardt, Acting Executive Director; Steven Purcell, Deputy Director and Margot Carmassi, Director of Administration

CALL TO ORDER
CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Hendrickson at 5:00 p.m. The meeting began in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session of the Board meeting opened at 5:20 p.m.

MOTION #1

Motion: Approve the Minutes of Thursday, March 15 2012 where the meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

MOTION by Frances Tibbits
Motion approved by voice vote

MOTION #2

Motion: Approve the Minutes of Thursday, March 15, 2012 where the meeting went into Closed Session at 5:29 p.m.

MOTION by Frances Tibbits
Second by Shannon Peterson
Motion approved by voice vote

SUMMARY OF MHSA PROGRAMS IN
CALIFORNIA BY COUNTY IN 2011 REPORT

President Hendrickson gave an update of the recent work spearheaded by NAMI California regarding the compilation of data and resulting report that has been tentatively titled Summary of MHSA Programs in California by County in 2011.

A letter and survey was sent to all California county mental health directors requesting key information regarding MHSA programs and services currently being offered. This comprehensive data will
clearly identify what programs and services are being funded by MHSA. As each county can vary in size, population and services, this information will be vital in garnering continued MHSA support. Responses have been received from 38 of the participating counties, and the findings of this report will be shared with NAMI membership, legislators, state and county mental health departments and the media. The NAMI California website will also post this important resource information.

The findings of this report are very timely as the legislature will soon be making urgent decisions on matters concerning possible additional cuts to MHSA funding in California.

LPS Reform Task Force II

President Hendrickson detailed an introduction of the LPS Task Force II which included background facts of the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act that governed involuntary commitment for psychiatric treatment since it went into full effect on July 1, 1972. The original purpose of this Act was to end inappropriate lifetime commitment of people who had serious mental illness issues and to establish the rights of due process. This Act has been difficult to interpret and the process can vary widely from county to county. With the advancements that have been achieved in understanding mental illness, treatments and care, updated amendments to the LPS Act need to be adopted.

A committee was formed in 1999 to recommend key revisions, but little progress was made. More recently, the LPS Reform Task Force II was formed to continue and re-define the 1999 work to amend the LPS Act. As a result of this great effort with a myriad of working professionals in the mental health community, a new report has been released and is called Separate and Not Equal: The Case for Updating California’s Mental Health Treatment Law.

The mission of the amendment of the LPS Act is to increase access to treatment and early intervention at appropriate levels of care for people with severe mental illness who require involuntary intervention.

NAMI California will form an Ad Hoc Committee to analyze the LPS Reform Report. The committee will be comprised of six board members and one employee partner from various disciplines. Frances Tibbits and Navah Statman expressed interest in
being included in this committee. This committee will review the report findings and report to the NAMI Board by November 2012. Board members Mark Gale and Randy Beckx served on the LPS Reform Task Force.

**MOTION #3**

Motion: To approve the creation of a NAMI California Ad Hoc Committee to analyze the findings of the *Separate and Not Equal: The Case for Updating California’s Mental Health Treatment Law* document and give a review to the Board by November 2012.

**MOTION** by Dorothy Hendrickson  
Second by Ratan Bhavnani  
Motion approved by voice vote

**PROPOSAL FOR INITIATIVE ONE, CORRECTIONAL BROCHURE PROJECT – SURVEY MONKEY**

1st Vice President Mark Gale is leading the project of creating a NAMI California prison brochure to be a resource for family members of incarcerated people in California. Mark proposed that NAMI California staff create a Survey Monkey questionnaire to be sent to all NAMI affiliate offices to assess what services are currently being offered in the English and Spanish languages. This information will be invaluable to the success of this prison brochure project, and it will also provide a comprehensive guide in referring Spanish speaking individuals to services and referrals.

There was discussion regarding the amount of NAMI California staff time that would be required to complete this project. Frances Tibbits raised many concerns and will send Mark Gale her questions and comments for review and future discussion.

The Board decided to address and vote on Proposal for Initiative One of the Correctional Brochure and Proposal for Initiative Two as two separate motions.

**MOTION #4**

**MOTION:** To approve the first four questions of the Survey Monkey questionnaire.  
**MOTION** by Mark Gale  
Second by Brenda Scott  
Motion approved by voice vote

**MOTION #5**

**MOTION:** To approve development of a NAMI California Probation Training Presentation, PowerPoint, and script in collaboration with the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPUC).
MOTION by Mark Gale  
Second by Navah Statman  
Motion approved by voice vote

NAMI CALIFORNIA 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE  
The 2012 NAMI California Annual Conference was discussed briefly. Success stories are still being requested, and plans are moving forward.

2012 NAMI CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MEETINGS  
President Hendrickson gave an update on the NAMI California Regional Meetings that are currently being held in the nine NAMI regional areas. She shared that NAMI California is receiving positive feedback from the local affiliate offices, and she urged the Board to try to attend a regional meeting prior to the end of 2012.

NAMI NATIONAL – DONOR SUCCESS  
NAMI National has been having success in cultivating and building donor relationships, specifically the “large” donors who typically donate more than $500 per year. President Hendrickson acknowledged the need for NAMI California to personally recognize donors and help make them feel connected to NAMI California throughout the year.

UPDATE ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JESSICA CRUZ  
Executive Director Jessica Cruz delivered her healthy baby boy, and the Cruz family is doing well. President Hendrickson stressed to have no contact with Jessica and to remove her name from any correspondence or email lists until her return to work.

CLOSED SESSION  
The Board meeting continued in Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.

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Shannon Jaccard  
NAMI CA Board Secretary

9/25/12  
Date