NAMI California Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Thursday, June 21, 2012
Conference Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Hendrickson, President; Mark Gale, 1st Vice President; Brenda Scott, 2nd Vice President; Randy Beckx, Ratan Bhavnani, Shannon Peterson, Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, M.D. and Navah Statman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Frances Tibbits, Treasurer; Shannon Jaccard, Secretary and May Farr.

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.

BOARD CANDIDATE
Nominee Kenton Rainey

President Dorothy Hendrickson introduced Kenton Rainey to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Rainey submitted an application to be considered as a NAMI California board member candidate. The Board reviewed Mr. Rainey’s application and personal bio information and conducted an interview with Mr. Rainey during this meeting.

Please see the attached Statement of Willingness from Mr. Rainey.

BOARD ELECTION
Process Information 2012

President Hendrickson, explained there are four vacant seats to fill on the NAMI California Board of Directors that will be available in August of 2012, and there are six candidates applying for these vacancies. The details, requirements and specific dates when members of the NAMI California Board would need to commit their time to attend meetings and to support committees of interest were explained. It was stated that typically a commitment of five to ten hours per week would be needed to devote to NAMI California business.
BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINEE DR. JUAN GARCIA

President Dorothy Hendrickson introduced Juan Garcia, Ph.D., to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Garcia submitted an application to be considered as a NAMI California board member candidate. The Board reviewed Dr. Garcia’s application and personal bio information and conducted an interview with Dr. Garcia during this meeting.

Please see the attached Statement of Willingness from Dr. Garcia.

CHANGE OF BOARD CONFERENCE CALL-IN NUMBER

At the conclusion of the candidate interviews, President Hendrickson asked the board members to call in to a new conference call number to continue the call. This is customary after addressing new board candidate nominees.

ROLL CALL FOR NEW CALL-IN

President Dorothy Hendrickson took another roll call of the board members after continuing the conference call on a new telephone number. All attending members of the board remained on the call with the exception of Shannon Peterson who was travelling and had to leave the call early. A quorum was still reached.

NAMI BUTTON

President Dorothy Hendrickson gave a report on a new concept of the NAMI Button. This donation idea was shared by NAMI National which has launched a campaign called “Mental Health Gets My Vote!” NAMI California has adopted this idea and adapted the button message to NAMI California. These buttons will have the NAMI address and telephone information around the rim and can be used for advocacy and meetings to promote NAMI California. These buttons will be available by the 2012 Annual Conference and Deputy Director, Steven Purcell, will send out a sample of the donation button for review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Finance Committee report was given by Ratan Bhavnani who is the new Finance Committee Chair replacing Frances Tibbits. Mr. Bhavnani gave a verbal report noting that financial reports had not been included in the agenda-item packet sent to the board. A detailed report was given on the current financial statements, and the year-end spend down of the contract balances was discussed. NAMI California finances are strong and secure.
There was a brief discussion of the court decision and the monetary award that will be given to NAMI California in the amount of $250,000 in regards to the settlement case involving Paxil. These funds will not be considered a donation as it is a determination of the court and no restrictions will be placed on the funds once received by NAMI California.

Board 1st Vice President, Mark Gale, has nominated John Hoffel and Lee Romney to receive the NAMI California Media Award for 2012. Mr. Gale reported of the excellent news reporting of the situation in California State hospitals. It was noted that months of research had been done along with a personal commitment of both parties to portray accurate accounts of existing situations regarding the mental health systems.

Motion: I make a motion to approve this award nomination.

MOTION by Mark Gale
Second by Brenda Scott

Motion Approved with seven board votes

President Dorothy Hendrickson gave an update on the 2012 Annual Conference and the progress that is being made. She reported that Operations Manager Nikki Townsend will be sending out information to the Board regarding Conference voting, speakers, titles of workshops, etc. It was discussed that board members may be contacted with requests for assistance to promote the success of the Annual Conference.

Board member, Navah Statman, discussed the beginning stages of the development of leadership opportunities for the local affiliate offices. This plan will benefit the local NAMI affiliates in being able to take advantage of shared knowledge and up-to-date information on topics that are important in the mental health communities. Webmaster, Jocelyn Munroe has confirmed that the NAMI California website could be modified to include a section specifically for individual affiliates to have access and log in capabilities to the site.
and be able to access important resource information. There was mention of a leadership event with the possible involvement of Patrick Bell who facilitated the NAMI California Staff Retreat in April.

The topic of the NAMI California Capital Campaign was brought up in the NAMI Executive Track conversation. It was suggested that by informing the affiliate offices of the concept of a Capital Campaign for NAMI California, that fundraising for this purpose might go hand-in-hand with marketing plans in place in the local NAMI offices.

NAMI BIKES

President, Dorothy Hendrickson, gave an update on the NAMI Bike event planned for late 2012. Contact has been made with the affiliate leaders in the Davis, CA area and the topic of hosting the NAMI bikes event was discussed at great length. It was determined that this affiliate is unable to support the NAMI BIKES event at this time due to considerations and restraints currently in this local area. Plans for this event will continue while exploring other possible event venues.

MHSA REPORT DISTRIBUTION TO CALIFORNIA COUNTIES AND AFFILIATES

The MHSA Reports are currently being printed, and they should be delivered to NAMI California prior the end of this month. Letters will be sent with the MHSA report to the California county mental health directors and the NAMI affiliate offices throughout the state. Once the reports have been received by the printer and the letters have been prepared, the MHSA reports will be sent out as quickly as possible by the NAMI California office staff.

NEW MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

President Dorothy Hendrickson initiated a discussion with the board regarding her recent discussions with NAMI National concerning the importance of recruiting and nurturing new NAMI membership and engaging young families and people who are able to make a commitment to the NAMI signature programs and services. It has been recognized that a significant percentage of NAMI memberships consist of older populations where changes in membership patterns will be experienced and new growth will need to be an important emphasis for all NAMI affiliates. The need for change in the organization is strong, and this will continue to be a key area of interest for all NAMI organizations in the future.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

There was additional discussion regarding the NAMI California Capital Campaign and the future plans to raise funds for a permanent home for the NAMI California state office. Board 1st Vice President Mark Gale quoted interest rates and current market trends
that are being released by the federal government for the 2013-2014 years. Discussion will continue as the Capital Campaign for NAMI California is being developed. Board member Navah Statman gave an update on her progress with developing a Capital Campaign plan with more information to follow as information is gathered and options explored.

CORRECTIONAL BROCHURE UPDATE

An update was given on the progress of the Correctional Brochure that has been developed by the Criminal Justice Workgroup.

Members of the Board met via telephone and reviewed the entire document, and all members agreed with the final content. The staff at NAMI California will find graphic artwork for this project and will work with a Sacramento vendor to create an electronic draft of this corrections brochure to be available for the NAMI National Convention that begins June 27th in Seattle, Washington.

The next step in this project will be to find available funding to move forward in the printing and distribution of this material in hopes of helping families of people that are incarcerated in the California prison system. It was determined that funding prospects would be discussed at a later time.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Thursday, July 19th via conference call.

ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Shannon Jaccard
NAMI CA Board Secretary

Date 10/20/12
Name: Kenton Rainey

Occupation: Chief of Police

Member of:

NAMI member for:

Educational Background – Degree/Diploma:
- Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice

Statement of Willingness to Serve:

As a Chief Executive of a law enforcement agency and 30 year veteran in the field, I cannot think of a more important endeavor than serving on the NAMI State Board of Directors. Today, when and how law enforcement officers respond and resolve calls for service involving the mentally ill is of great community concern. All too often during these encounters the likelihood that the outcome can lead to death or some type of serious injury has been the norm. I want to serve on the NAMI Board so I can sue my background and experience to impact this problem so the likelihood of a positive outcome is greatly increased.
Name: Juan Garcia

Occupation: Professor of Counselor Education

Member of:

NAMI member for:

Educational Background – Degree/Diploma:

- Anthropology PhD
- Psychology, MS

Statement of Willingness to Serve:

For over three decades, I have assisted families of persons living with a mental illness. Starting in 1975, I worked with Vietnam War Veterans and their families through a Veterans Affairs Internship Program. As a researcher and provider at the Metropolitan State Hospital, I’ve worked with persons living with severe mental illness, specifically Spanish-speaking immigrants and their families who’ve suffered from culture shock, which triggered further emotional and psychological distress. I have educated families about the dangers of unbridled acculturation, and worked with mental health facilities in Santa Clara, Merced, and Fresno Counties. In each case I had the privilege of helping families to better understand mental illness.

I am adept in working with psychological and emotional disorders within culture and cultural changes. I use my experience and knowledge to mentor and train counselors, community advocates, and CBO’s through a university community mental health clinic that provides treatment for co-occurring disorders with a focus on family intactness, funded by MHSA.

Over the years, I have engaged in community education projects that help de-stigmatize mental illness and inform the community that mental illness is treatable and manageable. I train advocates, promotoras, and mental health professionals in the art of community outreach, education, and prevention to unserved and underserved communities.

I helped establish a Holistic and Wellness Center, where nontraditional approaches include on wisdom traditions and recent innovations in psychotherapy. This is my lifework and I am honored to be considered for a position on the NAMI California Board of Directors. In 1984 I became aware of NAMI and its work when one of my favorite authors, E. Fukler Torrey received an award for his book, Surviving Schizophrenia: A Family Manual. In 1989, I served on the Fresno County Mental Health Advisory Board, where I became acquainted with members of Nami and their intense interest in helping the mentally ill. Recently I became reacquainted with NAMI at the national level and its work in the Latino Community. I believe NAMI programs would be most beneficial to the Latino community, other immigrants, and culturally different groups.