

## NAMI Mass Board Minutes at Schrafft's Center, April 22, 2017, 10 am – 12:30 pm

Present: Tom Scurfield (President), Kathleen Considine (Vice President), Bob Antonioni (Treasurer), Jane Martin (Secretary), Barrie Baker, Mathieu Bermingham, Neal Boyd, Bernice Drumheller, Michael Fetcho, Bill Lahey, Roy Lynch, Ed Manzi, Ewa Pytowska, and Steve Rosenfeld .

By phone: Mary Jean Guidette.

Absent: Julia Cardoso, Mel Greenberg, and Deb Pacheco.

Staff: Laurie Martinelli, Karen Gromis, and Marilyn DeSantis (minutes)

10:05: Tom Scurfield opened the meeting and asked for approval of March 11, 2017 board minutes.

**March 11, 2017 board meeting minutes were approved with no changes. IN FAVOR: 14, OPPOSED: 0, ABSTAINED: 0**

### 1. President's Report – Tom Scurfield

- Tom announced the success of the Board Fundraising Event with Kay Redfield Jamison on April 9, 2017. Just over \$100,000 raised.
- Tom announced that Susan Egmont was chosen to lead the search for the ED position.
- Kathleen described changes with CBFS program to integrate mental health with physical health, but removes employment from CFBS services. Kathleen will talk to Laurie about how to get NAMI Mass involved (since Judi was our point person on CBFS but on medical leave).

### 2. Treasurer's Report – Bob Antonioni

- Bob presented two proposals for the Draft FY 18 Budget.
- **MOTION:** To support the changes outlined in Proposal A of the draft budget. **IN FAVOR: 14, OPPOSED: 1, ABSTAINED: 0**

### 3. Board Committee Reports:

- **Diversity Report-** Matt Bermingham presented a report on activities.
- **Affiliate Growth-** Bernice Drumheller discussed the re-affiliation process. She also requested support of NAMI Cambridge Middlesex for re-affiliation. **MOTION:** To support the re-affiliation of NAMI Cambridge Middlesex. **IN FAVOR: 14, OPPOSED: 0, ABSTAINED: 1 (Jane didn't vote, per NAMI Mass policy)**
- **MOTION:** To pass a resolution of support for NAMI Mass to support the re-affiliation target of 50% of affiliates by December 31 and complete re-affiliation by December 31, 2018. **IN FAVOR: 11, OPPOSED: 3 ABSTAINED: 1**
- **Education and Support-** Kathleen reported on the education programs.
- **Development Committee-** Tom reiterated the success of the Canary Square event.
- **Public Policy –** Bill Lahey discussed his goal to try to find funding for a dedicated policy position to focus on advocacy. More than 20 NAMI's have such a policy person.

4. Executive Director's Report– Laurie Martinelli

- Laurie reported on the success of our Advocacy Day April 3.
- Laurie discussed the DMH budget showing an increase in funding.
- Karen gave an update on the Walk and showed the PSA from Boston 25.
- Laurie reported on the EOHHS ED Task Force on 41% decrease in ER boarding this year.
- Laurie reported that UMass Psych beds were deemed essential by the DPH as U Mass tries to shrink its psychiatric beds by 13.
- Laurie reviewed the changes at Bridgewater State “Hospital”.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 pm

Executive Session: 12:15 pm