

NAMI Santa Clara County Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 5:30 PM, by Videoconference

**Attendance:** Uday Kapoor, Beverly Lozoff, Harold Brown, Frank Alioto, Steve Wade, Vic Ojakian, Karen Deloumi, Juan Perez, Moryt Milo, Kathy Forward, Barbara Thompson.

Meeting convened at 5:33 PM.

1. **Welcome**

- a. Agenda approved.
- b. June 7, 2022 BoD minutes approved with one correction to 2.d.iii (2<sup>nd</sup> sentence regarding financing was deleted).

2. **Action/New Information**

- a. **Community Advisory Council—Harold:** Announced that we now have the final list of members of the Community Advisory Council; last one being the Chief of Police of Gilroy. At the next Fundraising Committee meeting, we will wrap up loose ends for the final council and determine how to orient the latest members. Harold mentioned that Jim Beall attended the latest NAMIWalks committee meeting. **Vic:** Will try to get in touch with Liz Kniss. It's hard to get in touch with some of the Council members. **Harold:** All Council members have been invited to the Kickoff/Picnic. All will be invited to NAMIWalks.
- b. **Bylaws and Board Meeting Time—Bev:** Explained the changes to the Bylaws; addressed Kathy's queries. The Board approved the revised Bylaws with one correction.
- c. **Legislative Committee: Legislation Updates—Frank and Karen:**
  - i. **Frank:** It's a quiet period legislatively.
  - ii. Legislation at National level: Bill 766—House of Representatives has passed legislation to produce data that will support research and better care for persons living with schizophrenia. Next, the bill will go to the Senate.
  - iii. Legislation at State level: 988—Legislation is now with the Appropriations Committee in Sacramento. This committee will meet on Aug. 1. \$14+ million will be coming from SAMHSA for 988 funding. **Vic:** Does the Board want to write a letter in support of AB 988 for ongoing money stream? Funding will be needed to support the 988 service. We might ask Jessica Cruz what they are writing. Vote taken that NAMI-SCC is in support of AB 988 and that passing the bill will provide the funding needed to keep the service going.
  - iv. CARE Court: Discussed where money to expand services will come from. Funding right now is \$65 million for infrastructure and there is money in the budget for this. In an interview on KCBS, Ash Kalra, one of our local representatives, expressed his opposition to CARE Court. Discussion of sending a letter to the radio station about this.
  - v. Meetings with representatives: Frank has been in touch with all representatives at the county, state, and national levels we met with last year. In conversation with Susan Ellenberg, he asked what has changed since the declaration of a state of emergency back in January. Frank's conclusion is that basically nothing has changed and it's very disappointing.

3. **Reports and Updates**

- a. **Treasurer Update—Steve:** Please refer to the Treasurer's Report. Steve summarized his report and noted that we will have a balance of \$1.07 million. We had a break-even month in June which is unusual during a relatively slow time of year. Individual contributions and grants are both substantially over budget (129%). Steve also gave a status update on progress with the Schiro Trust bequest. There is one property left to be sold. Steve reported that the situation with

the Schiro Trust has been ongoing for nine months (since the son passed). A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was passed.

b. **VP Updates:**

i. **Bev:** Talked about Board of Directors' sponsorship of NAMIWalks. We have started a tradition of sponsoring the Walk and Bev made the case for continuing to do so. Board members should send checks to the office or go to our website to pay electronically for this.

ii. **Juan:** All is going well.

c. **President's Update—Uday:**

i. CARE Court: **Uday**, along with representatives of a few other NAMI affiliates and the Police Chief at UC Davis, attended a meeting with the Governor to discuss CARE Court and a few other issues. At the meeting, Uday shared remarks from Jim Beall, Judge Manley, Michael Fitzgerald and several parents including Karen. Jim Beall said the legislation (going to the Appropriations Committee next) is undergoing changes, e.g., housing was not included in the original bill but now it is.

ii. Bed Registry: The bed registry tool only covers contracted residences. Uday has spoken with Otto Lee's aide about the registry. One provider has contacted Uday about the issue.

iii. ILEP (Independent Living Empowerment Project): There was a stakeholders' meeting where quality standards were reviewed.

iv. Navigator Tool: It will be released on July 27.

v. California Conference: Uday will attend the conference at the end of August in Newport Beach.

d. **Executive Director Report—Rovina** was unable to attend the meeting but submitted reports in advance: the Executive Director's Report, the Community Peer Program report, and the list of ongoing classes, support groups, and presentations.

e. **Fundraising Committee Update—Harold:**

i. **NAMIWalks:** To date, we have raised over \$60K with a goal of \$280K. We now have a keynote speaker, Drew Robinson, and an honorary chair, Susan Ellenberg. The Kickoff Picnic is next weekend.

ii. **Funding Plans and Grants:** Kaiser is coming through with funding.

f. **Consultant Report: FaithNet—Kathy:** Funding from the county just ended on June 30, but the program is continuing and all staff are staying. Kathy will continue meeting with the county; there may be an offer of more funding. Kathy has also been attending Behavioral Health Department's MHSAs meetings for stakeholder leadership. The department has been reviewing programs, budget, and the restructuring of the call center for 988. Kathy has talked with a PR person in the county, Director of Govt Affairs and Special Projects, who has been asked by BOS to come back with recommendations about SB 855 (CA Parity Act) and going after insurance companies. The PR person is forming a stakeholder committee.

g. **Newsletter—Bev:** Current newsletter is combined Jly/Aug issue. Sep issue will be worked on in late Aug. Articles should be submitted by mid Aug.

h. **General Meeting—Bev:** There will be no general meeting in Jly or Aug. Next general meeting will be on Sep 13.

4. **Other Actions**

a. **New Business: Board Offsite Discussion—**Decision made to have the offsite via Zoom on Sunday, July 31 in the afternoon.

5. **Dates to Remember**

- a. Next Board Meeting: Tues 2 Aug 2022 at 5:30 PM. (This was subsequently changed at the board retreat, 31 July 2022, to 6 Sep 2022 at 5:30 PM.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Lozoff (for Peter Newman)

*Sep 7, 2022*