

NAMI Santa Clara County Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 4th August 2026, 5:30 PM, by Videoconference

Attendance: Uday Kapoor, Rovina Nimbalkar, Kathy Forward, Bev Lozoff, Juan Perez, Moryt Milo, Dolly Sandoval, Scott Whelton, Dr Hogan Shy, Gayatri Shah, Peter Newman.

Guests: Jenny Gallagher Blom, Amy Fazio

Meeting convened at 5:32 PM.

1. Welcome

- a. Agenda approved.
- b. May 5th and Jun 2nd 2026 BoD minutes approved.

2. Board Training: Amy, Jenny—Strategic Consulting Partners

- a. Amy gave a presentation on board development. Much of the focus was on the development of fundraising but in the context of a wider discussion of board responsibilities. Some time was available for discussion.

3. Reports and Updates

a. Treasurer Update—Scott:

- i. Please refer to the Treasurer's Report. Scott had nothing to add in addition to his report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed.

b. VP Updates:

- i. **Moryt:** Uday, Moryt, Dolly, Rovina, Gaya, Hogan and Michael Fitzgerald met today to talk about next steps in our discussion with Good Samaritan Hospital. We need to break through to some solution. Dolly observed that if their parent company can offer services across the country what can we do to bring those services here? Moryt asked what would happen if you turned up at Good Samaritan Hospital in a mental health crisis? How can we help get those services where we need them? Scott spoke of his personal experience at Good Sam with his son in a mental health crisis.
- ii. **Juan:** Juan spoke about his father's funeral and his feelings on seeing flowers sent by NAMI-SCC. It reminded him of his wider family.
- iii. Please refer to the Spanish Team Report. The Hispanic NAMI community is doing great. Every single one of us is a NAMI ambassador.
- iv. Juan mentioned an update to the release of information form for county clients. He will forward it to Kathy.
- v. **Bev:** Nothing to report.

c. President's Update—Uday:

- i. Uday has been trying to recruit for the NAMI Walk.
- ii. Uday spoke of the Honorary Chair for our NAMI Walk, Dr Farouk Dey, the new president of Palo Alto University. Uday reported on attending his investiture and mentioned how impressed he was with a particular student speaker at the event.
- iii. Uday mentioned some updates to the Family-to-Family and NAMI Basics programs discussed at the NAMI Council of Affiliate Presidents meeting.

d. Executive Director Report—Rovina: Please refer to: the Executive Director's Report, the Community Peer Program Report, the FaithNet Report, the Community and Media Relations Report and the Education and Outreach Report.

- i. We submitted a lot of grant applications in Jun and Jly and coming up, the fall looks like it will be busy.

- ii. The NAMI Walk Kick Off last Friday was well attended. We are gearing up for the Walk and doing well with sponsorship.
 - iii. We have postponed the planned hiking event to next May because it was too close to the Walk.
 - iv. We have started work on the End-of-Year letter and the Holiday Drive.
 - v. We have been hiring staff for the office as we have had some departures.
 - vi. We have received a grant of \$165k from El Camino. We have also received a grant from Jewish Silicon Valley to hire someone for outreach into the Jewish community. We are also hoping for a grant from the Korean American Community Foundation .
 - vii. We have received a gift of \$150k from our landlord to support the Helpline and FaithNet programs.
- e. **Newsletter—Bev:**
- i. Articles for the Sep issue should be submitted by later this month.
- f. **General Meeting—Bev:**
- i. Our next meeting will be in Sep. We have a speaker for the meeting.

4. **Other Actions**

- a. **Legislative Committee: Legislation Updates—Dolly:**
- i. Karen and Frank continue to assist Dolly.
 - ii. Dolly spoke about HR 9866: To establish a grant program to be known as the Mental Health Licensure Portability Program. It is also known as the CARE for Mental Health Professionals Act. Given that it is at the federal level it is unlikely to succeed. Dolly hopes that someone from the state might take it up.
- b. **New Business:**
- i. No new business.

5. **Dates to Remember**

- a. Next Board Meeting: Tues 1st Sep 2026 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Newman

Aug 09, 2026