**NAMI Grand Rapids Board Meeting Minutes**

**11 April 2022**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:36 by board chair Marian Barcus. Those in attendance include: Marian Barcus, Jeff Carlson, Shane Troumbly, Peggy Marshall, Jenny Wettersten, Lynn Cochran. Judy Benham joined at 6 p.m.
2. Peggy made a motion to approve the February 14, 2021 minutes. Second by Lynn. Motion Carried.
3. Shane made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Report (provided as e-document by Mark). Second by Jenny. Motion Carried.
4. Committee Reports
   1. Ed/Outreach
      1. Struggling to find a presenter for April event (advanced psychiatric directives) – problem appears to be that walking through form step-by-step encroaches on ‘legal advice’ thus reluctance on part of potential presenters. Marian reaching out to disability law center. Likely postpone event beyond April target. Question raised as to ER physicians’ perspective on advance directives (do they read them, is it helpful, do they utilize them, etc.). Lynn’s experience is that the directives are helpful to the patients’ families.
      2. March presentation on peer support went well.
      3. Marian searching for presenter re: eating disorders
      4. Anosognosia presentation being explored
   2. Membership
      1. Peggy & Mark have reached out to folks with lapsed memberships. After being prompted, some renewed their memberships. Mark recommends the member services committee remind members to renew rather than rely on the state office to do so.
      2. Concern expressed regarding lack of responsiveness at state level.
5. Old Business
   1. Lanyards: Lynn will pick up and hold at her office at IRC. Need to p/u before 4:30 p.m. on weekday.
   2. Family support group – will cancel upcoming, and Mary Schnell will fill in May 3rd – as Judy is on break. Attendance running at 3-6 people.
   3. GICH – mental health response meeting was on February 23rd. Anticipate a second meeting. Per Cre Larson, there has not been any significant improvement since meeting (re: DEC notifying CRT on front end, f/u with CRT on tail end, etc.). Concerns linger re: lack of quality/efficient services via remote DEC.
6. New Business
   1. Suicide Survivors Support Group @ KWC – has been a collaboration between us (NAMI) & KWC. Judy has discontinued co-facilitating. The KWC facilitator wishes to continue the group under the “NAMI” name. Jenny made a motion that NAMI discontinue collaboration with KWC re: *suicide survivors support group*. Second by Shane. Motion carried (unanimous with Judy Benham recusing).
   2. Idea per Shane: survey various organizations re: mental health efforts and who is working on what w.r.t suicide prevention – engage in information sharing.
   3. Marian to contact potentials trainers re: PTSD to speak to LE/Fire/EMT, …
   4. May mental health month events planning in process.
7. Marian adjourned meeting at 7:25 p.m.

***Next board meeting: June 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom***

*Recorded by: Jenny Wettersten*