NAMI NYS provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. NAMI NYS envisions a world where all people affected by mental illness live healthy fulfilling lives supported by a community that cares.

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Other: Wendy Burch, Executive Director, NAMI NYS. Matthew Shapiro, Associate Director, Public Affairs

12 People

Called to Order by Ariel at 6:11 PM

Motion to accept the agenda by Dhanu, seconded by Evelyne. **Approved:** 12

Motion to approve the May 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes by Ceceile, seconded by Mary Jo. **Approved.** Voted for: 12

Motion to approve the Thursday, June 20 Board Meeting Minutes by Colleen, seconded by Evelyne. **Approved.** Voted for: 11 Abstain: Judy.

Motion to approve the Monday, July 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes by Linda, seconded by Evelyne. **Approved.** Voted for: 12

Treasurer's Report

- Lynda presented and reviewed the Treasurers report.
- An Edward Jones report came in this week and the actual numbers are up that are not reflected in the report.
- Board members are strongly encouraged to share rooms at board meetings and the conference. If you would like your own room, you can pay the half or full amount of room or please contact the Executive Director.

Motion to approve the 2020 budget by Colleen, seconded by Ceceile. **Approved.** Voted for: 12
**Personnel Committee**

- The updated employee handbook was sent to the personnel committee—will go out to the whole board within 2 weeks. Amanda has done a lot of work, it has been run through the attorneys. Personnel is asking for the board to review as soon as possible and provide feedback.
- Question about if this handbook/support will be available to affiliates? Wendy thinks that it would be good to provide the support to affiliates and share the handbook. Wendy has also shared info with affiliates with Probono.
- Wendy has been working with the staff at the staff meetings to present the staff for the conference stress.
- Working on Wendy’s evaluation.

**Strategic Planning Committee**

- A draft document was sent out on Aug. 14th for board review asking for feedback.
- Next step includes sending a survey out to the membership to get their feedback/passing it out at the conference. Wendy did receive the survey questions that NAMI National sent—the strategic planning committee will review at the next meeting.
- Sue will send out an email with the strategic plan again-asking board members to review and send back feedback by September 27th. We would like to be able to discuss it/a draft with the membership at the conference.
- Looking for completion by the end of 2020.

**Executive Director/Staff Reports**

**Wendy:**

- Amanda Saake and Tony Trahan from OMH will be coming over to meet with Wendy on Monday. Ariel will join by phone.
- Vista updates- Wendy completed interviewing a second round of VISTA applicants. The program is now in the process of matching NAMI-NYS with one of the applicants, with a projected start date of mid-October. The position title is Communication Specialist, and the individual will work on social media and other outreach initiatives.
- *Off The Mask* Gala scheduled for May 15, 2020. Wendy distributed the save-the-date cards. Ann working on the committee and has a new member that will be a great addition. It will be a sit down dinner at the Marriott. This is also an opportunity for affiliates to fundraise through a sharing agreement.

**Matthew:**

- Review of the Showtime Sports collaboration. On Saturday, September 21, a youth basketball clinic and screening of Quiet Storm: The Ron Artest Story documentary. Metta World Peace and NAMI NYS will host the event at Queensbridge Park in Long Island City, NY. Other activities will be included-backpack giveaway, a NAMI 101, information tables, etc. NAMI Metro and Queens Nassau will be collaborating on this event as well.
Other Committee Reports

Government Affairs Committee:
Matthew presented & reviewed his Government Affairs and Advocacy Update.
- Reviewed Nicole’s Law-will deal with discharge issues. They would like to see a family peer advocate office in hospitals as part of the law which will include follow-up. Matthew will provide board members with a copy of the bill. It is suggested to read through bill number S. 6629. Matthew is planning on writing a white paper to show the research on this. There was a question of how MHANYS Care Path could relate to this bill.
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders-there will be a presentation at the conference that will provide more information.
- The attorneys reviewed our current activities-it was determined that NAMI NYS must register with the NYS Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE). The memorandum was distributed to the board.
- NAMI NYS did sign the support letter that SAARDA circulated.
- Brain and Behavior conference is coming up on November 1. Some board members will be attending.

Conference Committee:
- Conference agenda was shared with the board. (Will be emailed out) Looking for everyone to play a part in the conference-asking for board members to let Matthew know if there are any specific jobs-introducing speakers/moderating a panel.
- Law Enforcement track-there are some scholarships available for officers. Contact Matthew if you have someone who you think may be a good fit. Suggested CIT officers-or those who are interested in the CIT program. Also looking at creating a NYS CIT conference if this is successful.
- Matthew asked for help in getting advertisements – if each board member could get one it would be very helpful. Matthew will send out the marketing materials.
- Looking to get every perspective at the conference. It will be very diverse-more family, peer and provider perspectives.
- There will also be a “safe-room” for folks to go to if they are having troubles. Looking for volunteers to be available/on call.

Entrepreneurship Committee
- Evelyne presented the resources that were gathered in a written report. Board members suggested other ideas- please send any resources to Evelyne.
- Evelyne proposed renaming & expanding the committee. There are many different avenues that the committee could go. Evelyne provided a document laying out the possible tasks of the committee. Will be a discussion on who would compile the information and resources for the organization.
- Proposed new committee name: Re-Integration Committee.
Motion to change the name of the Entrepreneurship Committee to the Re-Integration Committee with the goal of compiling and distributing resources for the organization and by Ariel, seconded by Lynda. Approved. Voted for: 12

President’s Report

- Excited about the upcoming conference.
- Asked everyone to look for support for the educational conference through ad in the program.
- Ariel thanked everyone for all they do for NAMI.

Motion to adjourn at 8:52 by Sue, seconded by Cecile. Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Gagne
Secretary