

NAMI CONSUMER CONFERENCE CALL

November 1, 2006

Present on call:

President Mark Arneson, Secretary Louise Stapert, State-Heather Nelson, Leslie Milton, Gail Mueller, Lois Knoke, Meredith Clark, Jim Simbeck

Mark gave a welcome speech.

Corrections to October minutes were as follows: there are eight NAMI newsletters, to get on the mailing list go to NAMI.org to subscribe.

Gail made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Lois and all approved.

Minutes from State NAMI Conference corrections were as follows: Mark Arneson was reelected President and Kim Schorers was reelected treasurer. Jim Simbeck said mental health was the last “civil rights movement”, not civil movement.

Gail made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Jim seconded it and all approved.

Mark talked about the creation of the National Coalition of Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Organizations (NCMHCSO). There appears to be a good cross section of consumer and professional board members. Jim noted there were various amounts of recovery. Mark noted each individual defines his/her own recovery status. There is a difference in recovery and in remission. Dr. Fisher says on his website he is recovered but healing from the past yet.

Mark is going to e-mail Marty Raaymakers about NCMHCSO coalition to see what position NAMI National would take.

Mark is going to the leadership conference in St. Louis November 9-12.

Margaret Sumption, SD NAMI planner, has offered a new mission statement, which is easy to remember. “Offering hope because everyone is affected by mental illness”. We’re not sure, but think that the NAMI body has to vote on this.

There was an apparent glitch in the telephone system and the phone call was dropped for Louise. These are the minutes I was able to get.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Stapert, Secretary, NAMI Consumer Council