

SD NAMI Consumer Teleconference
12-3-08

Present: President Rhonda Palm, Secretary Louise Stapert, Roseanne Olson, Leslie Milton, Janice Milton, Greg Strasburg, Amy Shipman, Heather Nelson –State representative first part of the meeting.

#1. Welcome from President Rhonda Palm.

#2. The October minutes were read. Roseanne made a motion to approve them, Leslie seconded.

#3. State Business:

Heather had no new business for the state. The Convention in Mitchell was discussed.

#4. Old Business:

Rhonda commented the cooperation between NAMI and SD Mental Health Division works well. There were many good speakers; it was hard to decide which to choose. Next year's State NAMI Convention will be at the same place the Mitchell Convention, The Hampton Inn and the AmericInn hotel.

#5. New Business:

NAMISD has received a grant from NAMI Nation for In Our Own Voice training. Contact the NAMISD office at 1-800-551-2531 for an application. They want 2 people to give a presentation, so they ask they have a partner. The date hasn't been decided yet.

#6. Open discussion:

NAMI Connections: This is a consumer led support group with weekly meetings. Facilitators are trained to conduct the group. There is a format to follow, in some ways similar to 12-step programs, but geared to issues of mental illness. There are 2 people who lead the meeting. They're asking that three people take the training in order to give the others a break.

The next meeting will be January 7, 2009. Call Tina at 1-800-265-9684 no later than January 2nd.

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