

## SD NAMI CONSUMER COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE

August 3, 2007

Present: President Bill Schroll, Secretary Louise Stapert, Treasurer Kim Shorers, Duane Laufman, Meredith Clark, Lois Knoke, Rhonda Palm, Mark Arneson, State-Cara Weiler, Shauna Fullerton.

#1. Bill Schroll gave the welcome for the first time as our new president. He encourages everybody to talk and participate. Mark Arneson resigned because he is now a national NAMI officer.

#2. Bill asked for approval of the June minutes. Lois made a motion to accept them and Kim seconded. All were in favor.

#3. Additions to the agenda:

Report from Denver by Lois and Rhonda.

NAMI elections due at the October conference.

Meredith-comments on the minutes.

#4. Meredith had questions about June minutes that were clarified.

A. What are IOOV grants? How many sessions were held and whom do they benefit? Mark answered. IOOV stands for In Our Own Voice presentations. The average is 4-5 presentations a month and is to educate the public that mental illness people have their own lives.

B. The Sioux Falls NAMI bought dinner for people who raised \$100 or more from 5<sup>th</sup> Street Connection. This didn't come out of NAMI SD funds.

C. The idea referred to the meeting of the Clinical Management Team, which resulted in the first day of the conference being devoted to consumer support group doing presentations. Cara/ Shauna answered. Depression Bipolar Support Association will have a peer support specialist talk about starting consumer support groups.

D. A discussion was held about how to connect with people who can't get out to meet with other people that have similar problems. One idea was conference call.

E. When is South Dakota State NAMI going to get on board with recovery? Last year's conference was about recovery and this year's conference is called Recovery 2.

#5. Mark talked about the election. Position of vice president and secretary are open. Phyllis Arends, state NAMI, has a form to fill in. Dues paid NAMI Consumer members may be nominated. Send a short biography and the consent of the nominee to state office. Nominations should be in as soon as possible and no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. Ballots are mailed out 20 days before election; therefore they should be in the mail by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Election committee will be Bill and Rhonda. Ballots can be hand delivered to the convention or mailed in. If mailed, please mail soon enough that they reach Sioux Falls by October 8<sup>th</sup>.

#6. Rhonda and Lois reported on the regional meeting in Denver. Representatives were there from Montana, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota. (Miss any?)

Rhonda talked about the major needs of South Dakota and Lois talked from a personal point of view. Both were very impressed with the conference.

Rhonda reported on a consumer organization “We Can”? They have a basic leadership academy teaching advocacy, and leadership.

There were comments about a college course offering regarding peer specialist.

Respectfully submitted  
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