

**NAMI OKLAHOMA NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**3812 N SANTA FE AVENUE, SUITE 305 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73118**

I. Welcome. 6:02 p.m.

II. Sign-in/Roll Call.

Present: President Kelly Willingham, Monica McFarlin, Stephanie Stuckert, Nancy Gifford, Sam Hewes, Shar'dae Lewis, Jayne VanBramer, James Bridwell, Michelle Britton, Jim Orsi, Laressa Beliele and Frances Kersey.

Absent: Mark Pahl, Sanaria Okonger, Karla Kerby, and Valyncia Wilson.

III. Introduction of Guests.

IV. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2021 and August 17, 2021, meetings

Moved by Bridwell, seconded by Gifford to APPROVE the minutes. Motion was approved by the following vote: Aye: Beliele, Willingham, McFarlin, Stuckert, Gifford, Lewis, VanBramer, Bridwell, Britton, Orsi, and Kersey. Absent: Hewes.

V. Executive Director Report

Lorna reported FOX 25 proposed a "Mental Health Monday" segment for NAMI Oklahoma. Every Monday NAMI would provide talking points on mental health and twice a month we would provide interviews with our partners and publicize events. The cost would be \$1,200 per month.

Lorna attended Suicide Awareness meetings this week and met with officers from the Oklahoma City Police Briefing Stations on Mental Illness Awareness Week.

She encouraged everyone to complete the Strategic Plan documents and the demographic survey.

Kelly requested volunteers for the Strategic Planning Committee.

Lorna had a conversation with the Thunder and their priority this year is Mental Health and Breast Cancer. They want to include NAMI in their initiatives this year.

VI. Committee reports

a. Bylaws

- i. Suggested Bylaws changes
- ii. Opting out of Open Meetings Act

Frances informed the Board the only changes are deleting the reference to the Open Meetings Act, deleting the NAMI Oklahoma Management section and include an Inclusion Clause. The last two changes were recommended by NAMI National.

Moved by Bridwell, seconded by Britton to ADOPT the Bylaws. Motion was approved by the following vote: Aye: Beliele, Willingham, McFarlin, Stuckert, Gifford, Lewis, VanBramer, Bridwell, Britton, Orsi, and Kersey. Absent: Hewes.

b. Finance Committee

- i. Acceptance of Financials
- ii. Approval of Executive Director on Bank Account

Michelle highlighted the Financial Report. The broad statement is we are in a good place financially. Everything is going as expected with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The Financial Statements relative to the budget do not give the whole picture. She recommended the budget estimates be revised to more correctly reflect where we are to the Financial Statement. There have not been many expenses this year. The New Initiative category has not been spent yet. Expense wise we are in a good place.

Moved by Britton seconded by Willingham to ACCEPT the Financials and APPROVE the Executive Director on bank account. Motion was approved by the following vote: Aye: Beliele, Willingham, McFarlin, Stuckert, Gifford, Hewes, Lewis, VanBramer, Bridwell, Britton, Orsi, and Kersey.

c. Governance

- i. Strategic Planning Discussion

d. Public Policy

Jay reported on the interim study for youth suicide prevention. Andi and Lorna attended the meeting. Andi stated the 988 number came up in the discussion.

- VII. Enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried employees, as authorized by 25 O.S. (2020 Supp.) §307(B)(1)

Moved by Lewis, seconded by Willingham to ENTER into executive session. Motion was approved by the following vote: Aye: Beliele, Willingham, McFarlin, Stuckert, Gifford, Hewes, Lewis, VanBramer, Bridwell, Britton, Orsi, and Kersey.

Moved by Hewes, seconded by Bridwell to APPROVE a one-time stipend for \$1,000 to thank Andrea Michaels for her service to NAMI Oklahoma. Motion was approved by the following vote: Aye: Beliele, Willingham, McFarlin, Stuckert, Gifford, Hewes, Lewis, VanBramer, Bridwell, Britton, Orsi, and Kersey.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Moving Date of Annual Meeting to November 13, 2021.

The date will remain on NOVEMBER 6, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

- b. 2021 Awards

Lorna informed the board the application for nominations will be sent out on October 24<sup>th</sup> and nominations are due October 8<sup>th</sup> except for the New Affiliate Volunteer of the Year Award which is due October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Frances informed the Board of a request from the Oklahoma City Police Department (CIT officers) to assist financially with Challenge Coins. The coin will feature the Oklahoma City Police Department on one-side and NAMI Oklahoma on the other. The coin will indicate the partnership we have formed and the commitment to supporting the mental health community. Sam requested more information on who will receive the coins. Jay stated his concerns on giving the coins to CIT officers and the reflection on NAMI. This item will be placed on the next agenda with more information on the project.

Sam requested additional information on the 988 call and what the process will look like. Jay said there was a recent article on the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse proposed plan. He will send the link out. Jayne's understanding is whoever calls 988 will be sent to the Community Mental Health Centers who will contract with therapists throughout the state and the Police will respond with their iPad's to communicate with the therapists for a clinical determination. It is a hospital

diversion program called Clinical Continuum to bring folks to community health centers for 3 days.

X. Announcements

a. Next Board meeting date – November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Lorna announced the phones now ring to all phones and whoever is available picks it up. The phones no longer go to voicemail.

Jayne discussed the removal of two officers from the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority and the “Guardrail Bill” that would have protected providers and made sure the process was fair and transparent.

XI. Adjournment. 6:41 p.m.

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Frances Kersey, Secretary