

SD NAMI CONSUMER COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE

November 2, 2007

Present: President Bill Schroll, Treasurer Kim Shorers, Secretary Louise Stapert, Leslie Milton, Janice Milton, Meredith Clark, Duane Laufman, Robert Oban, State-Heather Nelson.

#1. Bill gave the welcome.

#2. Leslie made a motion to approve the October minutes with the addition that Roseann Olson of Arlington was elected vice-president and Louise Stapert of Aberdeen was re-elected secretary of South Dakota NAMI Consumer Council for two years. Meredith seconded the motion and minutes were approved.

#3. Old Business:

A. We are still working on the survey. There were 9 surveys turned in. Meredith has finished a new one with more questions that it will all be on one page and a consistent style.

B. Heather asked about the next CMT (Clinical Management Team) meeting. Lois will be asked if additional consumers can attend and how to go about it. The next meeting is November 14th in Pierre. Duane will call Lois.

#4. Open Discussion:

A. Robert asked if there was a NAMI group in Sturgis. He is a veteran. Bill will try to find out. He also asked for clarification of SD_CNECTD. Is it a group of networks? Meredith explained that it is in a working process of trying to get a consumer run group idea stage to see if there is enough interest to make it fly. It is a sounding system for those in the system needing help separate from the Consumer Council. Bill said there is no competition between Consumer Council, it is another voice for the consumer. Meredith said SD_CNECTD is also looking for funds.

B. Review of survey:

Average age is 49.9 years old.

Five are employed.

Eight people volunteered.

Seven people traveled.

Eight people are interested in recovery.

Five have case managers, three no, one has asked for one twice.

Six talk with others.

Seven understand plan?

Four interested in consumer run support group.

Five have talents they are willing to use to help get group going.

C. NAMI will provide sessions of In Our Own Voice Training. NAMI is looking for more consumers from across the state, especially in the West River Area to take this training. It is educating people about the reality of mental illness versus what's shown on

TV. Presenters usually give program in their own area to hold down travel cost, however the speaker does receive a stipend. The new In Our Own Voice Coordinator is from Brookings. Mark Arneson resigned as coordinator.

D. Duane commented on John Allen of DBSA presentation at the convention. It was very positive. Bill asked if there were any comments on the convention, changes, types of speaker? John Allen was good, more along consumer lines.

E. The convention place for next year has not been decided yet.

F. The next meeting will be December 5th at 2:00pm, CST.

G. Robert could distribute NAMI brochures at Fort Meade.

#5. A motion to adjourn was made by Duane and seconded by Meredith. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Stapert
Secretary, NAMI Consumer Council