

Conference Call Agenda

**NAMI Consumer Council Committee
Monthly Conference Call
Wednesday, June 17, 2009 from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM EST**

Agenda

Attendance:

CCEC: Steve Miller, Rose Marie Delaney, Marty Raaymakers, Rick Huber, Mark Arneson

CC Representatives: Chuck Swinford, Jennifer Helsel, Susan Ling, Rhonda Moreland, Howard Trachtman, Toni Morrian, Catherine Roach, John Coon, Collen Jokien, Glenn Koons, Rhonda Palm, Bernie Profili

Staff: Annie Suliga, Valerie Hunter

Welcome- Rick Huber (7:00)

Rick welcomed everyone to the call.

Voting Procedure for Executive Committee Seats – Rick Huber (7:00-7:30)

- Prior to the call the “Operating Procedures” had been reviewed by the CCEC and there was no written record of how voting for the CCEC elections is to be held.
- It was brought to the attention of the council to vote on the voting procedures for convention. The two voting procedures the consumer council members were to vote in favor for one of two following voting procedures:
 - Consumer Council Representatives can run for one, and only one position on the CCEC.
- OR**
- Consumer Council Representatives can run for multiple positions in the CCEC.
- The consumer council members present on the call discussed this matter. The argument was made for both voting procedures.
 - The argument was raised by some CC members that for time saving purposes the first method of voting would be most efficient.
 - The argument for the later voting procedure was also raised by some CC members- that potential strong leaders would be overlooked when CC representatives are only allowed to run for one office.
- Once a vote is counted by the whole council, the operating procedures will be written and a procedure will be put into place.

Attendance Taken – Annie Suliga (7:30-7:35)

- Attendance was taken as well as a record of each state’s vote on how Consumer Council Voting Procedures should operate.
- The results were 5 votes for candidates can run for multiple positions on the CCEC and 5 votes for candidates can run for only one position on the CCEC. Two CC members abstained from the vote.
- Since only 12 members were present, the Consumer Council did not reach quorum and a decision could not be made on the voting procedures.
- It was decided that Valerie will create two ballots for Convention, one for each voting procedure. A vote will be held before election on voting procedures at convention
- Candidates will still be able to run from the floor.

Self-Assessment Tool (Attached: Please review but no need to complete yet) – Denver Nobles (7:35-8:00)

This survey's intended use is to help identify potential qualities to serve on CC committees.

- The survey was not discussed due to the fact that Denver was not on the call.

Update and Receive Input for Planned Consumer Guide – Rick Huber (8:00-8:15)

(Table of Contents Attached: Please review in preparation for call and consider any areas you'd like to see added to the guide.) (Rick Huber)

- Rick raised to the group if there was any questions or needed concerns about the outline
- There was no discussion by the members, the Consumer Council Guide Outline will be sent as it is to Convention to be discussed and reviewed there.

Convention Q & A – Rick Huber (8:15-8:30)

- A discussion was held and CC Representatives were encouraged to ask any questions they had about Convention.
- Important information that was discussed:
 - On July 7th from (9am-12pm) there will be a Consumer Council Meeting-Networking Session. This is not a mandatory meeting. The Consumer Council Guide and CC Committees will be reviewed and discussed
- The Hilton Hotel where convention is held is large and kind of confusing. Give yourself plenty of time to get to and from places. There is map In your program guide which you will get when you arrive and register for convention.
- For the Consumer Council Meeting held on July 6th at 9 a.m. please try to arrive 15 minutes early and sign-in so we can get start the meeting on time. Mike Fitzpatrick will be speaking first, as well.
- There are plenty of places to eat across the street. The hotel meals may be a little pricey.
- Also the weather has been kind of unpredictable, bring various types of clothing.
- Lunch will be provided for consumers three times (Tuesday July 7; Wednesday, July 8; and Thursday, July 9)
 - The lunches will be held in the Grand Ballroom.
 - On Wednesday and Thursday, lunch is being provided by Value Options (who is also sponsoring our Welcome Center.) Lunch tickets will be available in the Welcome Center, located in Continental Room #1 at the Hilton. We are so appreciative of Value Option's support.
 - On Tuesday, lunch is being provided by NAMI Connections and will include an exciting presentation about the NAMI Connection program. Lunch tickets will be available for pick-up on Monday afternoon at the NAMI Connections Desk located in the Yosemite Foyer of the Hilton (next to registration.)
- Please note: the complimentary lunch tickets are for registered consumer convention attendees ONLY.

Call Closure- Rick Huber (8:30)

Important Dates:

- * NAMI Convention: Consumer Council Business Meeting on July 6th and Consumer Council Networking Meeting on July 7th
- * Next Consumer Council Call: Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm/ET