



**Board of Directors 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Subject	Board of Directors Meeting	Date	July 28, 2015
Facilitator	Sue Petkovsek, President	Time	6 PM – 8:00 PM
Location	United Way	Scribe	John Vander Meer
Attendees	Sue Petkovsek, Brett Wilfred, John Vander Meer, Matt Heldman, Kristen Esbensen, Donna Ulteig and Ron Diamond		
	Also Present: Bonnie Loughran		
	Excused Absence: Beth Barry, Brenda Nelson, David Bolles, and Corinda Rainey-Moore		
	Unexcused Absence: Jenna Suleski		

Key Points Discussed

No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.
2.	Minutes June 23, 2015	John moved and Donna seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting with some minor changes. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
3.	Reports	<p>a. Executive Director – Bonnie reported on the continuing efforts she has been making to develop relationships with other organizations in the community. She addressed a recent meeting that she had with an organization called WISPACT. In the course of meeting with the organization’s officials, Bonnie was asked to develop a wish list of all of the things that could be of benefit to the mental health community and NAMI – Dane County. While it was not clear how much money could be available through WISPACT, Bonnie was asked to dream big. Board discussion ensued and centered on transportation and prescription drug insurance deductible assistance, as well as discussion regarding a new building and a rating system for mental health services in Dane County. There is a WISPACT Board meeting in the first part of August before which Bonnie has been asked to have the wish list presented. Board Member input to Bonnie is requested. Bonnie said she would share information with Board Members.</p> <p>b. President – in packet</p> <p>c. Treasurer – in packet</p> <p>d. Advocacy – N/A</p> <p>e. Education/Programming – in packet</p> <p>f. Fundraising – no meeting</p> <p>g. Nominating – N/A</p> <p>h. CIT/MPD – in packet</p> <p>i. Executive/Personnel committees – in packet</p>
4.	City of Madison Common Council committee to review Madison Police Department policy and procedures – Sue was chosen (informational)	Sue was asked to be on a committee to review police policies and procedures. Pent up demand within the community to review this issue has occurred in part as a result of the police shootings that have happened in the last several years, she said.
5.	County resolution 556 committee update – Bonnie (informational)	Bonnie gave an update on the committee meetings that she has been attending at the County level, which addresses racial disparities in arrests and incarceration, and the mental health challenges of those in and out of jail.

6.	NAMI National conference update – Bonnie (informational)	Bonnie gave an update on the national conference, which she attended in San Francisco. Programming was very similar as it was in the past. The busy conference was a positive experience, but provided some indication of the ways in which NAMI National is changing as an organization. One of the ways that it is changing is through requiring more reporting from local chapters to the national organization.
7.	Bylaws – members’ concerns – Bonnie and Sue (informational)	Sue and Bonnie reported on some complaints from NAMI Members regarding the bylaws. She indicated that the complaints centered on the fact that there is no mention of members being involved in committees in the bylaws. To address the complaints through a <i>Pioneer</i> article to address the importance of regarding the importance of membership input. The Board decided to take up the issue of including membership participation in the bylaws at another time.
8.	Office manager update – Bonnie (informational)	Bonnie gave an update on the Office Manager position. She said that she advertised for the position, interviewed four candidates, held a second round of interviews with three candidates, and indicated that it is going to be a tough decision. She expected an offer to be made by the end of the week and with a start time to commence sometime soon after that.
9.	Executive and personnel committee updates – Sue	Matt talked about the importance of having the survey link more visible on the homepage, John asked for it to be possible to have an email submission option available for the application process. The Board authorized the use of up to \$500 for promotion of the availability of the position of Executive Director. John made the motion, which was seconded by Donna, and approved unanimously.
11.	Next Meeting: August 25, 2015	
12.	Adjournment	A motion was made by John, seconded by Matt and approved by the Board unanimously to adjourn the June meeting of the NAMI Dane County Board of Directors.