



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Friday, March 27, 2020
Via Microsoft Teams Meeting

Board Members Present

Adrienne Kennedy, President	Joyce Campbell	Stacey Owens
Shirley Holloway	Lisa Carchedi	Micah Pearson
Vanessa Fernandes	Charma Dudley	Tracy Plouck
Dave Stafford	Jim Hayes	Jim Reiser
Carlos Larrauri	Amanda Lipp	Carrie Roach
Steve Pitman		

Council Chairs Present

Brenda Scott, *Executive Directors Council Chair*
Jeremiah Rainville, *Peer Leadership Council Chair*
Nadine Lewis, *Service Members, Veterans and Their Families Council Chair*
Kimmie Jordan, *State Presidents Council Chair*

Staff Present

Dan Gillison	Angela Kimball	Bob Scott
David Levy	Chuck Harman	Karen Gerndt
Annette Gantt	Monica Villalta	Lisa Lewis

Call to Order

Board President Adrienne Kennedy called the virtual meeting of the NAMI Board of Directors to order on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. EDT.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Jim Hayes, seconded by Vanessa Fernandes, the consent agenda was approved unanimously with the following items removed from the consent agenda for discussion – Public Policy Statements and minutes.

1. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' meeting, November 15-19, 2019
2. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' special meeting, December 3, 2019
3. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' executive committee meeting, January 9, 2020
4. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' executive committee meeting, January 23, 2020
5. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' executive committee meeting, February 13, 2020
6. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' executive committee meeting, February 27, 2020
7. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' executive committee meeting, March 12, 2020
8. Minutes, NAMI Board of Directors' executive committee meeting, March 26, 2020
9. Quarterly Reports – contained in Quarterly Reports on the Board Portal:
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Chief Executive Officer's Report
 - c. Council Reports
 - i. Executive Directors Council

- ii. Peer Leadership Council
 - iii. Service Members, Veterans and Their Families Council
 - iv. State Presidents Council
10. Committee Reports & Committee Reports of Conference Calls – all Committee reports are contained in the relevant **Committee's section** of the portal:
- a. Development Committee:
 - b. Finance & Audit Committee:
 - c. Governance Committee:
 - d. Planning Committee:

Consent Agenda Action Items from Committees

Public Policy Committee

Micah Pearson, Chair, opened this section of the consent agenda by explaining the process about why the committee only asks the Board to vote on the Where We Stand statements in each public policy position paper.

Approve the Where We Stand Statement for Mental Health Parity

NAMI believes that health insurance should provide comprehensive mental health coverage without arbitrary limits on treatment. NAMI supports state and federal laws and policies that ensure parity between mental health and physical health services in all forms of insurance coverage.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
MOTION APPROVED; SIXTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Approve the Where We Stand Statement for Conversion Therapy

NAMI believes that no one should be subject to practices that can cause or worsen mental health symptoms. NAMI supports public policies and laws to ban the discredited, discriminatory, and harmful practice of conversion therapy.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
MOTION APPROVED; FOURTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT
CARRIE ROACH VOTED NAY; JOYCE CAMPBELL ABSTAINED

Approve the Where We Stand Statement for Medicaid Coverage for People Who are Incarcerated

NAMI believes that all people with mental health conditions who are incarcerated deserve access to quality mental health treatment. NAMI supports the continuation of Medicaid coverage for people with mental health conditions who are justice-involved and calls for the repeal of the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
MOTION APPROVED; SIXTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Approve the Where We Stand Statement for Gun Violence Research

NAMI believes that public policy should be guided by credible, evidence-based research. NAMI supports funding for research to understand the causes and effects of gun violence in America, including self-directed violence, and opposes federal restrictions on gun violence research.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
MOTION APPROVED; THIRTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT
JIM REISER, JOYCE CAMPBELL VOTED NAY, CARRIE ROACH
ABSTAINED

Approve the Where We Stand Statement for Medicaid Block Grants

NAMI believes that health insurance should provide comprehensive mental health coverage without arbitrary limits on treatment. NAMI opposes block grants or per-capita caps in Medicaid, which impose financing limits that jeopardize coverage and services for individuals with mental health conditions.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
MOTION APPROVED; SIXTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Approve the Where We Stand Statement for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

NAMI believes that all people with mental health conditions deserve accessible, affordable, and comprehensive health care. NAMI supports a nationwide Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Program to expand Americans' access to mental health and addiction care in community-based settings.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
AFTER DISCUSSION, THE CHAIR ASKED THAT THIS STATEMENT
BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION

Approve a set of minor “housekeeping” changes to language to previously approved public policy positions to align with the new “NAMI believes...” statements.

COMMITTEE MOTION, NO SECOND REQUIRED
MOTION APPROVED; SIXTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Dan Gillison, Chief Executive Officer, first spoke to the board about NAMI’s messaging with the NAMI field in this time of Covid-19. He then went to highlight all the work that NAMI has done in the last year to lead the conversation in the mental health sphere in the media and on Capitol Hill, as well as how quickly NAMI has pivoted to speak to our membership as the Covid pandemic spreads.

Council Reports

Chairs of the advisory councils reported on their activities and areas of interest/concern. Kimmie Jordan presented for the State Presidents Council, Brenda Scott reported for the Executive Directors Council, and Nadine Lewis reported for Service Members, Veterans and Their Families Council. Jeremiah Rainville yielded his time for Peer Leadership Council so the meeting could break for lunch to be picked up later in the agenda.

At 1:30 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch.

At 2:08 p.m., upon motion by Micah Pearson, second by Jim Reiser, the board moved into executive session with Dan Gillison, CEO and Lisa Lewis, Director, Human Resources.

At 2:45 p.m., upon motion by Shirley Holloway, second by Micah Pearson, the board left executive session and reconvened for the remainder of the board meeting.

NAMI Leadership Team

Monica Villalta, Director of Inclusion and Diversity Officer, highlighted to the Board how she plans to operationalize DEI in conjunction with the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. She very specifically discussed foundational needs in the organization that will require attention and investment.

Annette Gantt, Acting National Director, Field Advancement, introduced herself to the Board and presented her plans for the Field Advancement team in 2020 and how the work of the FA team will speak the strategic plan goals of strengthening NAMI and strengthening the alliance.

Council Reports (continued)

Jeremiah Rainville presented on behalf of the Peer Leadership Council.

Board Engagement in Mental Health Space

Dan Gillison introduced the Board to other national organizations that currently exist in the mental health environment. He made a clear point of how NAMI efforts are comparable to the work others are doing and how opportunities for partnerships exist. He also let the board know of inroads NAMI has already made with these groups.

Board Discussion

For the last session of the day, Adrienne asked all the board members and council chairs to reflect and provide impressions of the presentations.

Upon motion by Carrie Roach, second by Micah Pearson, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Larrauri, Secretary
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Adrienne Kennedy, President
NAMI Board of Directors 2019 - 2020

Approved by the Board of Directors on _____