

**NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2020
6:09 p.m. - 7:31 p.m.**

PRESENT: Charma D. Dudley, Kathy Testoni, Jack Cahalane, Kim Mathos

On the Phone: Michelle Gerwick, Michelle Hottenstein

Not Present: Neen Davis, Mim Schwartz, Cherie Brummans, Christine Michaels

STAFF: Debbie Ference, Maria Kakay, Nikki Dawson

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Charma D. Dudley, President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2019, Board Meeting

MOTION: Kim Mathos made the motion to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2019, Board Meeting; Kathy Testoni seconded; the motion passed.

III. Approval of Financial Statements Ending December 31, 2019

Discussion: Michelle Hottenstein reviewed the balance sheet highlighting \$635,376 in Total Checking/Savings and \$461,884 in Total Accounts Receivable. The total agency revenues are \$889,370 and the total agency expenses are \$848,216. All accounts have been received including those from Allegheny County, which were received in February.

MOTION: Kathy Testoni made the motion to approve the Financial Statements Ending December 31, 2019; Kim Mathos seconded; the motion passed.

IV. Approval of Policy and Advocacy Agenda for 2020

Discussion: NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania Advocacy Director Nikki Dawson reviewed the 2020 Policy and Advocacy Agenda, highlighting the three topics that are new since 2019: Social Determinants of Health, Service Member and Veteran Mental Health, and Mental Health and Mass Violence.

MOTION: Kim Mathos made the motion to approve the Policy and Advocacy Agenda for 2020; Michelle Gerwick seconded; the motion passed.

V. Approval to change the name from NAMI Berks County, PA to NAMI Berks County PA

Discussion: NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania Advocacy Director Nikki Dawson explained that NAMI National released guidelines stating there should be no punctuation in affiliate names.

MOTION: Kim Mathos made the motion to approve the name change from NAMI Berks County, PA to NAMI Berks County PA; Kathy Testoni seconded; the motion passed.

VI. Staff Reports

COO Debbie Ference reviewed the Administrative Report, highlighting upcoming events including a symposium on suicide on March 31 and Rep. Dan Miller's disability summit on March 3. There was also discussion regarding the CEOs Against Stigma project revamp. Maria Kakay explained how NKPA is working with consultants to rework the program to make it more sustainable for the future. Debbie Ference also reviewed the Education Report highlighting that NAMI National accepted three applications that were submitted by NKPA for national trainers. Maria Kakay reviewed the Communications and Marketing Board Report providing updates on the two conferences and the Gala. Advocacy Director Nikki Dawson provided an overview of the Advocacy Report highlighting that Adult Advocate Aleta Barnett is pursuing the Strengths-Based Family Work credential through Allegheny County and Temple University.

VII. Other / New Business

Discussion: Debbie Ference and Maria Kakay talked about the creation of the Youth Mental Health Leadership Award. The inaugural award will be distributed at this February's Child & Adolescent Mental Health Conference. The recipient is Elle Snyder, a youth mental health advocate who is speaking at the conference. The Dick Jevon Advocacy Award will be distributed at the Green Light Gala.

VIII. Approval to adjourn the meeting

MOTION: Jack Cahalane made the motion to adjourn; Kathy Testoni seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.