

**NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting
October 26, 2022
6:03 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Kathy Testoni, Charma D. Dudley, Neen Davis, Cherie Brummans, Michelle Hottenstein, Mim Schwartz, Jack Cahalane

NOT PRESENT: Michelle Gerwick, Jerri Bourjolly, Kim Mathos

STAFF: Christine Michaels, Debbie Ference, Maria Kakay

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Board President Kathy Testoni called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of the August 10, 2022, Board Meeting

MOTION: Neen Davis made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2022, Board Meeting; Cherie Brummans seconded; the motion passed.

III. Approval of a new officer position: Second Vice President

Discussion: Board President Kathy Testoni discussed the need for an odd number of members of the Executive Board. If the position of second vice president is approved, she will take nominations through the end of the week. There would need to be 100% approval from Board members. Ms. Testoni will communicate with the Board via email.

MOTION: Kathy Testoni made the motion to approve a new officer position of Second Vice President; Cherie Brummans seconded; the motion passed.

IV. Approval of Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2022

Discussion: Treasurer Michelle Hottenstein reviewed the notes to the financial statements highlighting that the total in checking and savings is \$989,643 and total accounts receivable is \$299,120. Conversations are ongoing regarding moving some funds into a higher-yield option.

MOTION: Mim Schwartz made the motion to approve the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2022; Charma D. Dudley seconded; the motion passed.

V. Approval to endorse NAMI Blair County PA for reaffiliation status

Discussion: CEO Christine Michaels explained that NAMI Blair County PA is the first affiliate to complete its reaffiliation packet since NKPA's meeting with NAMI National. IRS problems had initially held up the process for NAMI Blair County PA but those have been addressed. Ms. Michaels feels comfortable in recommending that the NKPA Board move forward with endorsement. NKPA sends endorsement to NAMI National. Our reaffiliation contact at National is ensuring a prompt response.

MOTION: Neen Davis made the motion to approve the endorsement of NAMI Blair County PA for reaffiliation status; Cherie Brummans seconded; the motion passed.

VI. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO Christine Michaels said she would like to organize a day-long Board retreat to discuss strategic planning. NKPA will create a survey to gauge interest in dates. It could possibly be a Saturday in January. Consultant Leslie Bonner would like to gather information from Board members and staff first. Board President Kathy Testoni would like to carve out time for discussion for Board members only.

CEO Christine Michaels informed the Board of an email she received from OMHSAS on October 11 stating that there is no funding process in place for 2022-23. The earliest NKPA will be able to apply for funding will be for the 2023-24 fiscal year. NKPA will be operating without state funding from Nov. 1, 2022 through June 1, 2023. Ms. Michaels is working with other peer and family organizations to determine the next steps, which could include a meeting with Meg Snead, Secretary of the PA Dept. of Human Services.

The Behavioral Health Commission for Adult Mental Health will be allocating \$100 million. It was not passed through the General Assembly this calendar year, but it is expected to happen in January 2023. That money will go toward addressing the workforce issues, criminal justice, and expansion of services in counties. Six million is expected to go toward services for peer and family support so NKPA is hopeful we can apply for some of those funds.

VII. Staff Reports

COO Debbie Ference reviewed the Administrative Report highlighting that the audit is still ongoing. The plan is to have auditors present to the Board during the December meeting. Ms. Ference reviewed the Education Report stating that there have been problems getting training materials from the NAMI National store in a timely manner. The EDU team plans on ordering materials in bulk in advance to have them ready for trainings so they can ship to training participants directly. Maria Kakay reviewed the Communications and Marketing report. Ms. Kakay also highlighted a calendar of events for the rest of 2022 and 2023. CEO Christine Michaels reviewed the advocacy report highlighting that Advocacy Director Nikki Dawson will be giving a 988 presentation to the PA Bar Association.

VIII. Approval to Adjourn the Meeting

MOTION: Cherie Brummans made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Charma D. Dudley seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.