

## **Affiliate President's Conference Call**

September 7, 2011 7-8 PM

On the call: Peggy Mangold (Rowan), Allison Lowe (Moore for Marianne), David Spann (interim Charlotte), Sam Hargrove (North Central), Art Springer (ACR), Jack Glenn (Guilford), Bill Kinschner (Western Carolina), Marc Jacques (Consumer Council)

Staff: Deby Dihoff

1. Everyone was introduced and welcomed to the call, with a special welcome for Allison and David Spann, new to the call.
2. Leadership conference – agenda reviewed, 63 people signed up so far – 16 or so affiliates. Not too late!
3. Looking ahead: MIAW – Jennifer will be getting out information about the second annual balloon launch and MIAW info booklets will be emailed to those not attending the leadership event. Pete Early is coming to Henderson on October 7, 2011. Annual conference: Deby reviewed the mailing that went out- this is your ballot, and this is your conference registration. The time to register is RIGHT NOW. Scholarships are being decided, notices to go out Sept 15. Deby reviewed some of the highlights of the agenda. Upcoming trainings: IOOV (Oct 28-29, Raleigh) and Connections (Sept 30-2 Asheville)

NOTE: Important- the agenda said IOOV was in Raleigh Oct 8-9. That is WRONG. It has been rescheduled for Oct 28-29. Sorry for any confusion.

4. Committee recruitment for dual eligibles – Deby explained the purpose, and that they are seeking members from NAMI NC and our affiliates. Questions were asked about the meeting frequency, etc. Here is additional information, please share with your members and let Deby or Susan know if you find someone who is willing to serve. See attachment for details
5. Advocacy Updates:
  - Adult Care Homes – position paper, press release have happened. No other word. ( One TV reporter from Charlotte called to interview Deby) Use these for local press contact. Deby also shared some talking points from Disability rights
  - New leadership on HHS LOC (Pate, Burr, Dollar) First meeting has occurred- Secretary Cansler spoke about needing more time on Adult Care Home issue
  - Deby reviewed the new materials from NAMI –links – on their web site. She encouraged each affiliate to get an advocacy/public policy chairperson and to make copies of these great information pieces, and use them. Great tips on working with legislators, the service array (in our platform we talk of the right service mix- this handout is a great description). This will also be reviewed at the leadership meeting this Saturday.
6. Recruiting for reps to the Vet Council and to the CC from each affiliate- please send to Sam Hargrove and Marc Jacques, respectively.

## 7. Affiliate Round Robin:

Peggy (Rowan) – Sending someone to Asheville training. Great turnout for Brain Center at hospital dinner. Working on getting CC and Vet Council Reps. Also working on plan for MIAW

Allison (Moore) – Sept 12 will have speaker on adolescent mental health. Cancelled F2F, not enough people signed up. Pinehurst expo will have a NAMI Moore and a Linden Lodge exhibit. Met with CC to get them to better accommodate individuals with mental illness – they pretty much have zero tolerance now (Sandhills Community College)

David (Charlotte) – Mike Weaver resigned to make a career move; David is interim President until it is resolved at their Monday meeting. Affiliate does a lot well, but is weak in some areas too. Two F2F groups happening with 30 participants, but they are short on teachers. P2P to begin mid month. Two on campus clubs are moving – UNC Charlotte and Davidson College. They are starting a project to call in the next 30 days all members and ask: How are you doing? How can we help? They think they need to add more value to their members

Art (ACR) – Basics starts on the 16th, had to cancel F2F, short on teachers, due to health issues. Had a successful booth a teacher resource fair. Working on membership- 65 and climbing, doubled in last 3 years! Establishing close relationship with local hospital.

Sam (North Central) – reported that he had no idea how hard it would be to set up a new affiliate! Working on new board member training. Involved with CIT, will audit the class. Partnering with a vet group in Clarksville. The Durham NAMI had to cancel F2F. Participates in strategic plan group

Jack (Guilford) F2F scheduled for October. Recently trained 4 people as teachers. They have much success with ads to get people to turn out for classes. Trying to get Connection leaders trained, have some signed on for upcoming classes.

Bill (Western Carolina) – Had a board retreat Aug 20, set goals, worked some on standards. Also worked on board development. Three board members travelled to Greenville SC to meet with a strong affiliate and exchange ideas; very helpful. Finished first VA F2F class. Working to form a FaithNet committee.

Marc (Wake) – Very busy with LME governance issue what with the waiver requirements; many NAMI participants. 2 connections groups running in different parts of Raleigh. LME facing 1.3M in cuts. Offering depression support groups

Submitted by,

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