

Affiliate President's Conference Call
January 4, 2012 7-8:15

On the call: Anthony Pugh, Leslie Huntley, Art Springer, Laura Ann Middlestead, David Bullins, Jack Glenn, Lisa Hamill, Bill Kinschner

Staff: Deby Dihoff

The majority of the call was spent discussing the standards- we have now mailed to affiliates the following documents that you need to be aware of:

- Letter explaining the process and the upcoming webinars (get someone to listen in to the two webinars, dates in letters) (from NAMI, NAMI NC President, and NAMI NC ED)
- Affiliation Agreement
- Affiliate Handbook, containing self assessment document (turns out this was not sent out on Dec 22, but was sent out Jan 5)

Ways to get started:

1. Have your board complete self assessment (**target date: end of March**)
2. Based on how that turns out- identify a few things to work on, write them down in a strategic plan
3. Appoint a committee or person to lead the effort
4. Get a notebook and assemble documents. Even have a backup as does ACR. Consider beginning to scan and store documents electronically, so as to be ready when profile center upload is available to affiliates
5. Have a retreat and do some of these things at a retreat (Foothills is using this approach)

General reaction of the group: Many think this will make us stronger, won't be just a bureaucratic exercise. We did discuss 501 c 3 status, and where our affiliates stand- currently 7 or so do not have it. On the phone that included Randolph and Cabarrus, but both are working on it. Laura Ann felt the details were pretty under control for her affiliate.

Jack asked about solicitations to kickback 10% on book offers; most people were kind of suspicious about this approach.

Deby mentioned the Eastern Regional workshop date of February 25, Saturday, in Greenville. We will have some standards of excellence technical assistance available.

Deby also announced changes in classes/programs made by national effective now:

1. term consumer is being replaced by individual living with a mental illness, or just individual (we have largely made this change in NC's publication already)
2. requirements for weeks has been changed to sessions: eg: 12 week class can be 12 sessions performed in 6 weeks (two per week)
3. Provider education has been shortened from 10 to 5 sessions
4. Family support group manual has been revised
5. Only send evals for Basics into the state, no longer to National

We also spent some time reviewing NAMI's web site and how to access the plethora of materials on standards- go to :

Click on top toolbar home page NAMI leaders (in red, tip top of the page, above the toolbar and the faces)

Then click on Tools for Excellence Resource Library midway down left side for a host of materials, sample forms, etc.

OR:

Go to NAMI NC Web site- our standards documents are all attached to the moving marquee right on the home page. You can advance its motion by clicking the pointer bottom right till you get to S of E

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 after Deby gave a brief report on the prison situation (good progress) and BLET (nearing completion) and the fact that NAMI NC will get to testify at a judiciary study subcommittee on incompetent to proceed- the problems, and the solutions.

Submitted by,

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