The Board meeting was called to order by Lynda R, Board President at 5:01 pm. The agenda can be adjusted by the President as needed.

Motion made by Lynda to approve minutes of the previous Board meeting with the indicated corrections; this motion was seconded by Evelyne; the Motion was approved.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Mary Jo began sharing Personnel issues specifically the need for a Finance and Office Administrator to fill the vacant position. The search continues to fill this position.

The development of a work from home protocol needed to be developed to address the remote work issues. The Personnel Committee and Wendy will continue to refine the Remote work policies and procedures.

The State has created a Back to Work Template which could potentially be used to support NAMI NYS in developing their plan.

An ADA form was given to one of the employees for completion which has not been returned to Wendy as of the date of this meeting.

This committee meets on a regular basis, reported to be the 4th Wednesday of every Month. They are routinely reviewing workplace policies.
BYLAW COMMITTEE:
Ellen shared that this committee has a lot of work to do.
The need to define committee leadership responsibilities; also, the importance of keeping attendance at committee meetings needs to be explored.
The purpose of each committee needs to be clear.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:
The lease on the NAMI NYS office will expire on 6/30/2021.
It was suggested the NAMI NYS office get a per diem person to do the financial books in the interim.
The Endowment fund is now more than one million dollars; Board Members voiced positive comments.
On September 10, 2021, the OFF THE MASK event will be held at 60 State Street, Albany. The focus at present is getting the Affiliates involved, also raffles and sponsorships for the event.
ADVOCACY should be a facet of all NAMI NYS committees as per Board Members discussion. Lynda advocated for positive committee involvement.

REINTEGRATION COMMITTEE:
Julie N indicated that data is being entered in the data base for this committee. The data base is said to be moving towards being operational.
Evelyne reported that she is researching on improving treatment and recovery in the Mental Health community. Abraham indicated that the APA is a good source for the information that this committee is looking to find.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:
Ann shared that the OFF THE MASK event will be held on 9/10/2021. The goal for this event is to make $100,000. Each Board Member is being asked to contribute a Basket for the raffle of $150 in value; a monetary donation is also accepted.
Half of the money earned will return to the Affiliates and the remainder will be used towards the general operating cost of the State office.
Also, corporate sponsors are appreciated.
ZERO SUICIDE:
Judy made a motion to have Lucille Etterere as a Co-Chair of this committee; this was seconded by Julie. The Motion carried.
Judy and Lucille Etterere are now both Co-Chairs of this committee; they had worked at finalizing the mission statement of this committee. The next meeting of this committee is 3/4/2021.
They plan to work with the Helpline to offer resources about suicide.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE:
Maggie indicated that they had a meeting on 1/15/21, the next meeting is scheduled for 2/26/21.
They plan on reviewing Peer to Peer programs for Veterans in NYS as a facet of their committee work.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
Pooja indicated that she is collaborating with the Staff on initiatives for Mental Health month in May 2021 with focus on youth ages 18 to 29 years of age.

PEER & CAREGIVER COMMITTEE:
Abraham indicated that they are focused on developing this committee’s mission. They plan to develop a survey.
They plan on meeting bi-weekly, and they are reported to be working on obtaining a potential grant.
They desire to work in partnership with National’s Peer Leadership committee.

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:
The conference will be virtual this year due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic with its restrictions on social distancing.
The first virtual conference has informed the planning for this second virtual conference.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:
It was noted that Individuals cannot recover without addressing mental health services.
NAMI NYS involvement in Legislative forums has given legitimacy to NAMI-NYS.
988 INITIATIVE:

Lynda shared about the 988 # that is to be in effect by July 2022; this service reportedly will be funded by a tax on cellular service.

It is said to be an opportunity for NAMI to distinguish itself. The 988 number will accept Mental Health and Suicide Crisis calls.

SAMHSA website is said to have more detailed information on the 988 number.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Ellen R; it was seconded by Julie N. The motion carried.
The meeting ended at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Ceceile Green, Secretary