



### BOARD MEETING: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- If there are any threats of violence, improper remarks, or the disclosure of sensitive information in support groups, an incident report should be submitted with NAMI Georgia within 24-48 hours so that appropriate follow-up can take place. There was a discussion of recent examples.
- The NAMIWalks event on October 14<sup>th</sup> is still being planned. The location has shifted from Liberty Plaza to Capitol Avenue, next to the Capitol Building. We must confirm whether or not we will have an information table during the walk. If so, we should bring our own chairs because tables will not have seats this year.
- It was discussed how important it is to obtain receipts for all purchases and reimbursements in order to keep detailed financial records, which is a typical nonprofit best practice. Dara, our Treasurer, is hard at work drafting financial rules and processes to share with the board.
- The board approved last month to provide stipends to group facilitators. Dave will develop a list of names, addresses, and other contact information for NAMI Connection, Family Support, Peer-to-Peer, and Family-to-Family group facilitators. He will forward the list to Dara, who will mail stipend cheques twice a year as a thank you for their service.
- We have reserved meeting space at Decatur Presbyterian Church on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will begin with one Owllet camera for hybrid meetings and will purchase a second if attendance develops to the point where extra capacity is required.
- Our next NAMI Education Night is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, with the speaker to be announced later. These events are free and open to the entire community.
- We talked about donating \$500 to the DeKalb County Accountability Court diversion program. This assists in diverting people with mental health concerns who have committed crimes away from the criminal justice system and toward appropriate treatment. The board will vote on whether or not to approve this spending via email.
- The following tabling events were discussed: Terry Fest on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and The Aces concert on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Options for handling donations at these events were provided.

- Dave went to Emory University's counseling center to promote NAMI on Campus, an organization that helps college students organize around mental health. Rev. Butler will follow up with Emory and Candler Seminary connections about future presentations.
- Carla, a member of our board, informed us that NAMI Georgia is working on a faith-based education series.
- Meeting adjourned 7:12pm