

Consumer Council Conference Call
August 5th, 2010 600-7:00pm

On the Call: 15 People!

Chair: Mike Weaver - Chair (Charlotte), Laura Goddard – Vice Chair (Wake),
Diana Marsh (Guilford), Dan Shaw (Durham), Donna Foreman (Durham),
Laura Eckard (Hickory), Dave Rowe (Western- Asheville), Jennifer Overfield (Wilmington),
Diana Marsh (Guilford), Major Sampson (Rowan), Hannah Carroll (Cumberland),
Marc Jacques (Wake), Kent Goddard (Wake), Dave Girod (Alamance), Martha Brock (Wake)
Staff: Gloria Harrison

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Mike briefly discussed the Executive Committee. Its membership had been increased from 5 members to 9 members by vote of the CC. The current Executive Committee is:

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| Mike Weaver – Charlotte – Chair | David Girod – Alamance- at large |
| Laura Goddard – Wake - Vice Chair | Major Sampson – Rowan - at large |
| Marc Jacques – Wake - at large | Jennifer Overfield – Wilmington - at large |
| Ren Leathers – Tryon (Four Seasons) at large | Kent Goddard – Wake - at large |
| Tommy Crawford – Robeson (Cumberland) at large | |

>Martha talked about the Communications Committee. She discussed Facebook and the pros and cons of having an open or closed group. Everyone wanted to keep the Facebook page, but to have more up to date information posted on it.

>Mike Weaver talked about his trip to the White House. The gathering included all disabilities, and those disabilities which were not visible, such as mental illness, seemed to be not acknowledged.

>Laura Eckard discussed Program Development. She felt it is important that support groups actively discuss Recovery. She would also like to devise a link to Family to Family, Peer to Peer, In Our Own Voice, Basics, and Connection informational calls with NAMI national to anyone who participates in these programs.

>Jennifer Overfield talked about Policy.

She will get more involved with these issues as she settles into her new job. Martha brought up the Dix hospital closing issue. According to Martha, as of now, all Dix expenditures are being paid out of community support funds as there is no budget for Dix.

>Marc Jacques attended a meeting with Stuart Berde of the Customer Service and Community Rights and Leeza Wainwright, the present NC Mental Health Director. They want to include recovery language in service definitions and increase person centered training.

>Dave Rowe announced that Western Carolina has a new place for their Connection group to meet.

>Dan Shaw said that NAMI Durham is having a Peer to Peer and an In Our Own Voice Training

>Laura Goddard is on the Wake County Human Rights Committee. Laura said that complaints are up 88%.

>Major Sampson talked about Peer to Peer in Rowan County. He is going to be trained in St. Louis.

>Hannah Carroll is involved in both CIT and Connection in Cumberland County.

>Marc Jacques has been working hard on Connection in Wake County.

>Martha has been working on advocacy night and day. Our email accounts for it!

>Kent Goddard from Wake County has promoted the Section 8 housing and the housing bill.

>Jen Overfield has worked on NAMI on Campus in Wilmington.

>David Girod has been holding a large consumer group in Burlington/Graham in Alamance County.

>Mike Weaver says Charlotte is offering its 2nd Connection group!

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