



Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Time: 10:30am -12pm / Virtual Meeting

Members: Lady Jane Acquah, Vickie Black, Stephany Bryan, Vickie Coffee, Jodie Eldridge, Sonia Hartman, Sonya Hosey, Elliot Niblack, Debra Price, Lisa Quinn, Shechem Sauls

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Members greeted one another.
- 2. Virtual 2021 Conference:** Lady Jane Acquah gave a brief summary of the National NAMI conference and how it worked. Members discussed doing a pre-conference training session to help presenters learn how to use the platform and give assistance in providing an engaging presentation. The chosen platform will need to be available to all attendees and offer assistance plus live stream on other platforms. The idea of having donors sponsor certain areas of the conference was discussed (ex: close captioning). [Vickie Coffee will reach out to NAMI National and Debra Price will reach out to the 20 Points of Light conference to get additional information on conference logistics.](#) Additional ideas include incentives for visiting virtual exhibitors, having a registration question indicating registrants who may need assistance with a device for viewing the conference, and seeking donors for tablets.
- 3. Keynote/Plenary Speakers:** Lady Jane Acquah shared several potential speakers and advised members the speaker budget was \$3,000. The conference will be spread over several days so there will be more options for speakers, which will be selected soon. Billy Dorsey and Dr. Rheedea Walker were suggested as keynotes. [Members knowing any Intellectual Development Disability or Substance Use Disorder speakers can forward info to Lady Jane.](#)
- 4. Update - #TogetherWeWillHeal Forum:** Forum will be on Wednesday, July 15 from 1:30-2:30pm via Zoom. Topic will be 'Grieving during our New Normal'. Vickie Coffee will moderate; Kimberly Holiday and Ulysses Moore will be the presenters. Speakers are needed for the November – January forums. [Members interested in moderating the forums can contact Lady Jane.](#)
- 5. Other Business:** Lady Jane shared a promotional video featuring Sonya Hosey and Kimberly Holiday. [Additional videos are welcome and can be sent to Lady Jane.](#)