

## ILLINOIS MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Special Meeting of the Development Committee - Thursday February 28, 2019,  
3:00 PM**

**Via teleconference 1-888-494-4032; 655-354-1942#**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Ronald Melka at 3:02 pm.  
**In attendance:** Ron Melka, Ray Connor, Nanette Larson, Matt Perry Margo Roethlisberger and Guest Andrea Cooke.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of the item discussing Committee Members absences immediately before the public comment.
- III. **Approval of Minutes of the January 3, 2019, Meeting:** The Minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. **Membership Categories:** The committee discussed the issue of membership categories and ensuring that members identify which category they are representing on IMHPAC. IMHPAC has the following categories:
  - Consumer**
  - Parent of SED**
  - Family Member of a Consumer**
  - Other**
  - State Employee**
  - Provider**

While several members may fit into more than one category, they can only declare one. If the individual is representing a provider or is a state agency as an employee, they should identify themselves as such, even if they fit into another category.
- V. **Application for new membership:** One candidate has requested membership in IMHPAC: Shirley Davis has applied to become a member of IMHPAC. She is a survivor of severe childhood trauma and consequently formed and received diagnoses of several severe mental health disorders. She has extensive experience dealing with Mental Health Providers, clinics, and inpatient facilities. She would like to join IMHPAC because she feels she has a voice that needs to be heard and am not at all afraid of doing so. She runs her own website on dissociative disorders and speaks frequently about trauma disorders to increase knowledge & to end stigma. She has written 3 books on Dissociative Disorders from the individual's perspective. She also works as an advocate when possible and where needed, to others who live with severe mental health disorders. By joining our council, she hopes to help shape how the state of Illinois treats and focuses its resources on fair and effective treatment for those who need help overcoming mental health challenges. Nanette

spoke very highly of her. Margo moved and Matt seconded that the Committee recommend Shirley Davis for IMHPAC. The motion passed unanimously.

- VI. **Recruitment of Potential Council Members:** Ron addressed the continued need to recruit consumers, parents of SED and Family members to join IMHPAC. He stated that Irwin has put together a letter and updated the IMHPAC membership information packet. This is being sent out to members that are consumers, family members, etc. Ray indicated that he had received the packet.
- VII. **Committee member absences:** Two committee members have been absent for the past four committee members. As the Development Committee, per our bylaws, only contains five members appointed by the board chairs, Ron requested that they contact the members in question, and assign replacements if necessary. Matt Perry agreed to do so.
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Adjournment:** a motion for adjournment was made by Nannette. The motion carried unanimously at 3:28 pm.