Capital District Mental Health Consortium

11/2/15

Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 4:40

End Time: 6:00

In Attendance: Ino, Jim, Ben, Charles, Liz, Russ, Anna

The group went around the room and participated in individual introductions.

Russ asked some of the newer members to offer some insight on what they can offer to the group.

* Jim- Is a resident of the city of Albany. He is retired and has been doing advocacy work surrounding disabilities and access within the city. He felt that this task force discusses important issues and he wanted to be involved.
* Ben- is a lawyer in a local engineering firm. Ben is deaf and applied and interviewed for a job working in disability law. He hopes to provide legal support and would like to help in any way he can. He mentioned that this is first experience with a task group so he is unsure what to do or expect.

Anna offered some tasks for the group to participate in and report on for the next meeting.

* Advertising: Russ mentioned that he would pass along the meeting flyers to people that he felt would be interested in the meeting.
* Contact Person/Peer Advocate: Liz
* Flyer: Anna will create and send out to the group.
* Finding Guest Speakers for the group: Russ, Anna, and Heather to contact
* Facebook: Ino is a current administrator of the Facebook group. However, he mentioned that once he finishes his master’s degree he will be returning to Mozambique to pursue a career. It was not decided who would take over that responsibility.
* Fundraising: A person was not designated to this task because the group did not feel that we were ready to fundraise.
* Liaison to the City of Albany: Jim attends a lot of meetings in the city of Albany and can be a resource to create change within the city.

Liz suggested that the meetings should be moved to once a month rather than bi-monthly. Anna and Russ mentioned that we would talk to Heather about that and send an email to the group.

Russ wrapped up the meeting and asked group members to be able to report on their task at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting: Monday December 7th 2015**