

**CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
March 6, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Carol Conforti Adams, Pam Locke, Kevin Ennis, Peter Giovagnoli, Jennifer Crowell, Kelly Merticook, Jeff Dickinson, Ellie Kimball, Mark Race, Shellie Lemelin, Donna Potter

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| 1. Welcome                        | Shellie |
| 2. Introductions                  | Shellie |
| 3. Review of Last Meeting Minutes | Shellie |

Kevin Ennis motioned to approve minutes, and Jennifer Crowell seconded.

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| 4. Budget | Carol Adams |
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Carol has been on the CAC for many years and has been on the board of directors.

Has been disabled for 19 years, part of GSIL for 9 years and feels there have been a lot of good changes over the last few years. The new administration has "the consumer's back".

Where do we go from here?

It is important to remember our role is to bring concerns to GSIL's Board.

Kevin Ennis is the CAC contact for the Board

A. Can we move forward with the Financial Management System?

B. Where is the state on FMS?

C. Carol is proposing that Jeff bring to the board that CAC move forward to research FMS

D. FMS allows consumers to have budget and use that budget to pay their ACEs and for other services and equipment.

E. Jeff will look into where the rules stand at the State.

The CAC majority voted to have Kevin bring it to the board (3/18/21).

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| 5. Jeff Dickenson Legislative updates & Info on Bills | Jeff |
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Jeff's handout will be shared with all when these minutes are sent out.

Jeff will send info on how to contact legislature to support/oppose House and Senate Bills.

With the ability to allow remote access, legislature is finding more involvement from communities.

6. NAMI

Susan (1:30-2:30)

The Power point will be shared with all when these minutes are sent out. The following are some interesting points:

- Substance Use eventually changes your brain, which makes it diagnosable and treatable.
- 1 in 5 people experience mental illness
- 1 in 25 experience severe mental illness -not able to function
- 1 in 6 children experience mental illness.
- 50% of mental illness begins by age 14
- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10-34
- Those with SCI have a suicide rate 2-6 % higher than others.

7. Topics for next meeting

All

- Follow up on FMS and update from Board
- Can use FMS as a learning tool on how to put bill through House/Senate
- What is the status of "New consumer orientation power point" – Donna will find out status?

Kevin Ennis motioned to end the meeting, Kelly Merticook seconded.

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