

**Minutes of the Region V Systems
Consumer/Family Advisory Committee (CFAC)
Meeting October 12, 2021**

Present: Lisa DeCoteau, So Lieb, Meg Damme, Danielle Smith, Sadie Thompson, Heather Anders, Peggy Galloway, Jenn Nelson, Dorothy Miles, Chris Allende

Absent: Ashley Morin, Jami Marcano, Debbie Buckley, Jeanette Wachtel, Kjerstin Egger

Non-Members Present: Donna Dekker

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting started at 9:02 via Zoom and in person.

ROLL CALL: Donna read roll call; quorum was established.

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Agenda October 12, 2021

- Agenda approved as written

B. Minutes September 14, 2021

- Minutes approved as written - with the addition of Kjerstin Egger voted in as a new member last month.

Introductions were made and special guest speakers (Marty Ramirez and Connor Southwick from Center for Legal Immigration Assistance) were welcomed to the meeting.

Guest Speakers - Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (CLIA) – Marty Ramirez and Connor Southwick - CLIA's was founded in 2001. Their mission is to open doors of equal opportunity by providing quality, affordable immigration-related legal services to immigrants and refugees in Nebraska. Marty told of the different ways they assist and have also started their own support groups. CFAC members also suggested other outreach options through Peer Support and City Impact being a great resource for immigrants with children.

He was asking about what sources of funding (grants) are available. Sadie told them about the CFAC funding application. Region V Systems also provides grant options that they can pursue. <https://region5systems.net/whats-happening/grants/>

To become a client, fill out an intake form located under New Client on their website. <https://cliane.org/>


2. FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT – Sadie – \$21,546.51 Unallocated funds

3. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT – Danielle – (Meet the 1st Tues. of month 9 - 10am, via Zoom)
Met on Sept. 7th and created next month's meeting agenda. Danielle mentioned anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, just let her know if you want to attend so she can send you the Zoom link.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- **Funding Committee** – **Sadie (Meet the last Thursday of month 2:30 – 4:30pm, via Zoom)** – No new applications were received. Sadie encouraged people to send in applications and is available to help anyone who needs help filling out an application. She also mentioned, for transparency and conflict of interest, Wellbeing Initiative will not be filling out any applications for their organization.
- **Membership & Communications Committee** – **(So) (Meet the last Tues. of month 9:30 – 10:30am, via Zoom)** Membership team met on September 28th.

Meeting recap:

- Newsletter will come out quarterly. The time of year and events taking place will determine what month of the quarter the newsletter will come out. Sections will include:
 - CFAC member spotlight
 - County specific program/organization spotlight
 - Available resources
 - Current events
 - Beneficiary spotlight
 - Available trainings with a link
 - A second issue will be sent in mid-November to highlight additional resources for the holiday season such as food drives, coat drives, etc. as well as the naloxone distribution program.
 - Testimonials from funding assistance recipients
 - Newest CFAC Spotlight Member is **Danielle Smith** 
 - Chris has asked members for surrounding county resources so he can reach out and make connections.
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- **Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures Committee** – **(Sadie)** Meet again in May. Review bylaws, policies and procedures in June, Vote in July. A reminder will be sent out closer to that time.
 - **Region 5 Behavioral Health Conference Planning** – **(Debbie)** Next Zoom tomorrow at 9am. Several bags were put together and distributed to Belmont Community Center and the Malone Center. Debbie's next focus would like to be on a couple of rural events to take place in the Jefferson (Peggy Galloway) and Otoe (Karen Driever) county areas.

5. Other Reports – Final Report – No final reports

6. Educational – November (Outside Resource)

7. Open floor –

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.