**DRAFT QIC Meeting Minutes**

**6/2/23**

**On Zoom**

**In attendance:** Ginny Jewell, Joel Gilbert, Brianne Masselli, Malory Shaughnessy, Vickie McCarty, Sharon Jordan, Susan Parks, Bobby-Jo Bechard, Bill Lowenstein, Richard Ladd III, Ariel Linet, Christina Hardy, Liz Remillard, Narissa Seamans, Liz Wing, Amy Deprey (obo Children’s Behavioral Health Homes), Stephanie Farquhar, Amy Taranko, Polly Finlay, and Robin Levesque

**Excused absences:** Sarah Ferguson, Diane Bouffard

**Absent:** Jeff Tiner

This past month, the Executive and Membership Committees met.

**Report from Membership Committee (S.Parks, B.Bechard, D.Bouffard & G.Jewell):** Discussed revisions to the current QIC brochure (remove previous mission and vision statements and add newly-developed ones, remove some quotes from previous members); discussed asking QIC to brainstorm ideas for new member mentors; discussed making revisions to the current new member interview form. S.Parks reminded group of need for new members from recovery

and LGBTQ+ population. Liz Wing moved to offer Destiny Lovely $50 to make the revisions to the brochure; seconded by Robin Levesque; unanimous vote to pass. G.Jewell will contact Destiny about this work.

**Brainstorming for New Member Mentors:** Give info re: QIC (brochure, by-laws, etc.), provide a list of current members, reminder of the meeting date & Zoom link; provide mission & strategic plan; introductory email from mentor, introductory packet

Susan Parks will be the mentor for Bobby-Jo Bechard & Polly Finlay. Susan asked that other members volunteer to do this also.

**Legislative Committee Report:** The Legislature is in special session now and it’s hoped that they’ll adjourn on 6/21.

There are many bills but only $12 million on the table.

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She’s not sure what the Legislature will do with the budget.

Vickie McCarty said there’d been an alert regarding the peer respite, that it be put into the budget.

There’s also a bill about the “marriage penalty” for SSI recipients, LD 1666.

**State agency reports:**

Brianne’s report is incorporated into Stephanie Farquhar’s report which was sent to the group under separate cover. Brianne asked the QIC to give feedback to her for the new policy group. It’s essential that the QIC discuss and give input about the Block Grants.

Christina Hardy’s report was sent out to the group under separate cover.

Narissa Seaman’s report was part of Brianne’s.

There was no report from the Dept of Education.

There was no report from DOC.

Liz Remillard gave a report and will send that out under separate cover to S.Parks to forward to the group.

Amy Taranko gave a report and will send that out under separate cover to S.Parks to forward to the group.

**New members to vote on?** No

**Approval of the minutes from May?** Malory made the motion; Ariel seconded it; unanimously passed.

**Treasurer’s report:** Not available since Malory is attending by phone. We have $9,300 balance in the QIC account. Fiscal year ends on 6/30. Malory proposes that we set aside $ for a retainer for Tracy O’Clair and for her management of the QIC website. This action will require inquiries to Narissa, Brianne, & Mike F.

 Malory made the motion to set aside the allowable & available amount to retain T.O’Clair to manage the QIC website.

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Seconded by G.Jewell. Passed unanimously.

S.Parks brought up need for money to print the revised brochures and stamps, envelopes to mail them out to members. Malory said this is regular business of the QIC and doesn’t require a vote, just go ahead & purchase them, keep receipts & send invoice for processing prior to 6/30/23. Money to print the brochures will be from the next fiscal year’s budget.

**July meeting will be held on Friday, 7/7, from 9 – 11 with the sole purpose of discussion of the block grants. Brianne will send out the block grant questions to the QIC on 7/3/23 so that members can read & think about them prior to the meeting.**

**Children’s committee will meet after August full-group meeting. The adult committee met after the June meeting.**