ComLine Subcommittee Monthly Meeting Minutes April 20, 2024, 2:00 to 3:30 PM Eastern US Time

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These minutes were approved at the June 15, 2024 subcommittee meeting.

1. Opening the meeting.

Chair Bradford H called the meeting to order about 2:05 PM Eastern US Time.

2. Introductions and welcoming guests/observers/new volunteers.

Members Present: Bradford H and Catherine R; Guest Present: Staci W

3. Approval of minutes of March 16, 2024, Subcommittee Meeting.

Motion to approve by Bradford H, seconded by Catherine R, passed unanimously.

- 4. Old Business
 - a. Report on status of the special blog edition on racial trauma on May 1.

 Bradford H provided an update on the status of this project and that it is scheduled for May 1, but that depends on whether the Racial Trauma group provides the completed submissions ready for publication in sufficient time to queue the items for May 1 publication.
 - i. Create a Racial Trauma subcategory under Voices of Recovery? Following discussion, consensus of members present was to consider using a "Racial Trauma" tag instead of creating a subcategory. If that isn't feasible, a subcategory should be created on a temporary basis, but not permanently.
 - b. Report on adding "Newcomer Resources" as a category for blog items.
 - i. Newcomer Submissions 1
 - ii. Newcomer Submissions 2

Catherine R reported on her research and identification of articles in the existing blog catalog that would be suitable for the new category. After discussion, consensus of members present was to merge the "Boundaries" and "ACA Toolbox" categories and proceed to initiate the new category, keeping the number of categories at six.

- c. Report on project to ask for and receive non-public comments on blog items.

 Bradford H reported that the Board of Trustees had approved a trial period of six months.
- d. Report on including a link in each Traveler issue to a ComLine Blog submission. Bradford H reported that this procedure has been initiated.
- 5. New Business.
 - a. Review of questionable blog submission (see below).

It was noted that this submission has been withdrawn by the author. Following discussion, consensus of members present was that announcements such as this one are not consistent with the purpose of the blog. It was suggested that an amendment to the blog's submission policy should be made to specifically address and clarify that the blog is not intended for use as a bulletin board.

b. Ideas for future improvements and features.

This topic was discussed, and a few ideas mentioned for further discussion and consideration. This topic will remain on the agenda for more discussion at future meetings.

c. Other New Business.

No new business was offered.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:00 PM Central US Time.

This is a gentle reminder to take the time to complete the Step Survey which can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCS5RMN. Please note that it is important to finish the Survey in one sitting and to allow 15-20 mins to do so. Your participation and feedback will help to guide the continuing work of the Step Working Group. Remember you can only take the survey once. Here is a link to review the 8 Sets of Steps ahead of the survey: https://adultchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/FINAL-8-Step-Sets-for-Fellowship.pdf.