**NFI Meeting – 8.12.2023**

**PIPO Report**

* Returned the pop-up canopy tent I purchased last month (for a full refund) because it was too difficult to put up on my own. Purchased a different model 10’ x 10’ Canopy Tent, ‘One-push lock system’, that my husband will help me put up to begin with. Then I’ll test if I can do it myself. 30-day free return policy. Amazon cost $143.99, no tax.
* Purchased 3-Panel Table Presentation Board-54” x 30” for display purposes at Health Fairs. Amazon cost $169.62, including tax. 30-day free return policy. It arrived and looks great. I’ll have to order addt’l merchandise for actual display purposes, such as Lucite brochure holders, and Velcro to adhere those and other items.
* We will be participating in the 3rd Annual Recovery Fair, being held at Fort Mose State Park, St Augustine, on 9/30/23, 10:30a-1:30p. As per the flier: “*The goal of the day is to come together and celebrate those in mental health and/or substance use RECOVERY, and to provide education on resources available in our community.* ***The event is open to nonprofit agencies related to recovery****.”*

For-profit organizations are expected to pay a nominal fee; but Non Profit Vendors are free; public admission is free; and event will include activities for children and families. I’m reserving a 6 ft table for a cost of $10.

* At our last PIPO committee meeting, we discussed the PIPO table at the upcoming Tybee event; and that I volunteered to roll out the ‘Professional Folder Distribution Program’. As a reminder: the program includes maintaining a ‘Contact List’ of all members who take folders. This is for the purpose of following-up with our member. I plan to utilize the same Excel spreadsheet I drafted for the Dec 2021 Jekyll Island Convention, to again record the impressions and outcomes that the Folders had on the professionals. (Evidence produced outcomes)
* Also, I took a consensus from our PIPO committee on whether to roll out the program (at Tybee), as an NFI program or Region 8 program. During our discussion, it was brought up that inclusion is important. We don’t have to recreate the wheel; and neither do any other levels of OA. Unanimous vote to roll out as a Region 8 PIPO program, providing the new Chair is in favor.
* I went ahead and rejoined Region 8 PIPO Committee, which was held this week. That being said, the Chair (Robin T) was absolutely delighted about the Professional Folder Distribution Program and that our IG was willing to roll out under their umbrella. This also means that the purchase of any and all material and expenses incurred for it will get paid through Region 8 PIPO Budget. I discussed needing help to do the follow-up work and that we can create a ‘Google Share Drive’ for the tracking system.