NAMI ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

25th ANNIVERSARY

August 25-27, 2011
Drury Inn and Suites
Montgomery, Alabama

AGENDA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

3:00 p.m.    Conference Registration Opens
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.   Executive Committee Meeting
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.   Affiliate Presidents Meeting

Presenters:  
- **Lynn Campisi, Board President**  
  Alabama Family Trust Fund
- **Andrew Sperling, Director**  
  Legislative Advocacy, NAMI National
- **D. G. Ewing, Board Member**  
  Standards of Excellence, Dues, Membership

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.    Break
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.    Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 p.m.    Manager’s Reception at Hotel
              Dinner (on your own)
Friday, August 26

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
**Opening of Conference**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
**Signature Programs**

Presenters:  
**Daniel Williams, Coordinator**  
NAMI Alabama Veterans Council

**Christi Collins, Coordinator**  
Signature Programs  
*In Our Own Voice and Connection*  
NAMI Alabama

Participants will report on accomplishments of the past year and discuss plans for the future.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Alabama Department of Mental Health Committees**

Presenters:  
**Tammy Peacock, PhD., LCSW, CADC**  
Associate Commissioner  
MI and SA Services Division

**Greg Carlson, Treasurer**  
NAMI Alabama

**Mary Elizabeth Perry, Board Member**  
NAMI Alabama

Participants will gain a better understanding of the roles and functions of the AL Department of Mental Health Committees as well as become more familiar with the committees that have consumer and family member representation.

Participants will gain an understanding of the active vocal role and reporting requirements of the consumers and families in the planning and budgeting process involved with the MSC process defined in the Administrative Code as well as be more familiar with the pressing issues and the need for NAMI Alabama’s position on each.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
**Coffee Break and Voting for Board Members**

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
**Presentation of Annual Awards**
11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Access to Care and Performance Measure Outcomes

Presenter:  Commissioner Zelia Baugh, MSW, LCSW
Alabama Department of Mental Health

Participants will be able to gain an understanding of the actions and steps currently being taken by the DMH to improve access to care for our consumers.

Participants will also gain an understanding of the direction/vision of the DMH regarding quality of care and identified performance measure outcomes to improve quality of care.

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  DC Jail Advocacy Project

Presenters:  Gretchen Rohr, Project Director
University Legal Services
Washington, D.C.

LaVern D. Miller, Esq.
Policy Research, Inc.
Delmar, NY

Participants will be able to:

- Identify emerging trends in Peer Services.
- Pursue opportunities created by Healthcare Reform.
- Demonstrate familiarity with outcomes of Peer Services (and their evidentiary support).
- Utilize models for integrating Peer Support Services in systems of care.
- Take advantage of benefits of peer-led advocacy and incorporating psychiatric survivors into private and public advocacy initiatives.
- Challenge myths about hiring survivors of the criminal justice and mental health systems and draw from the best practices of one program model from a Protection and Advocacy organization in D.C.
- Make use of tips for employers in recruiting, hiring and developing the careers of criminal justice and/or mental health systems survivors in your workplace.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Board Elections Close and Coffee Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Training Companion Dogs: A New Approach**

Presenters:  
- **Jon Brock, MPA**
  Director, JBS Peer Bridger Program
- **Aaron McDonald, Partner**
  McDonald Canine Academy  
  Birmingham, AL
- **Joe Schumacher, PhD**
  Professor of Medicine and Clinical Psychologist  
  School of Medicine  
  University of AL at Birmingham
- **Kevin McDonald, Partner**
  McDonald Canine Academy  
  Birmingham, AL

*Participants will learn about an innovative proposal to teach long-term psychiatric inpatients how to train companion dogs, therapy dogs, and psychiatric support dogs.*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**JBS Peer Bridger Program: What It Is and Why It Matters**

Presenters:  
- **Jon Brock, MPA**
  Director, JBS Peer Bridger Program
- **Jerome Dorsey**
  Team Leader, JBS Peer Bridger Program
- **Daniel Williams**
  Peer Bridger, JBS Peer Bridger Program

*Participants will learn about the JBS Peer Bridger Program as: (1) Part of the POP Program to downsize Bryce Hospital; (2) An effort to humanize the experience of mental illness, treatment, and recovery; and (3) An effort to build a continuum of peer support that works alongside the continuum of care.*
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3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.                  Delivery of Care

Presenter:  Jacqueline Feldman, MD
Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology
University of AL at Birmingham

Participants will:
• Be able to understand the psychiatric services available in the public mental health system in Alabama
• Be able to better advocate for one’s self and one’s family members
• Be better able to work in a partnership with one’s treatment team

4:00 p.m.                          Announcement of Newly Elected Board Members
Adjourn for the Day

5:30 p.m.                          Manager’s Reception at Hotel and Dinner (on your own)
Saturday, August 27

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Board Meeting and Election of Officers (2011-2012)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  NAMI Alabama Membership Business Meeting

NAMI Alabama NAMI on Campus Clubs:

Presenters:  
- Caroline Titcomb, Founder  
  University of Alabama
- Stephanie Glaze, President  
  University of Alabama
- Micah Mobley, President  
  Troy University (Dothan Campus)
- Stacy Wallace Martin, Vice President  
  Auburn University
- Morgan Thacker, Secretary  
  Auburn University

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Standards of Excellence

Presenters:  
- Ben Staples, Regional Consultant  
  NAMI National
- D.G. Ewing, Board Member  
  NAMI Alabama

11:00 a.m.  Close of Conference

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Thank you for attending the 2011 Annual Meeting  
and good luck as you continue your dedication, for the next 25 years,  
to advocacy, support, and education for people with mental illness  
and their families in Alabama.