

FIRST QUARTER



NAMI Indiana continues to grow. Last year we were at 3,000 members, to date we are at 3,500 members. We have at least 61 support group meetings a month throughout the state.

We have two new official affiliates, Metro Gary and Porter County. We have two in the making: Wabash County and Scott County. We have three campus groups ready to become affiliates: Purdue, I.U.B. and IUPUI. The University of Indianapolis is also interested.

We had our second annual Meet & Greet at the statehouse and we have been meeting with individual legislators educating them about mental illness and how NAMI can help them.

We have testified several times already this year.

Kellie and I have met with the new FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob and DOC Commissioner David Donahue.

NAMI Indiana programs continue to grow. Our signature program, Family to Family will be offered 32 times this year. In Our Own Voice Presentations have increased as well as our other programs.

NAMI Indiana Criminal Justice Program has continued to be very popular. We cannot keep up with the need. We have some amazing results: 70% less use of force, 50% less use of bodily fluids. Some great stories about our program are coming from inmates and prison staff. We have assisted NAMI Indianapolis with a CIT Summit, April 1.

We are preparing for our second annual Leadership Conference in July and our annual conference, October 1. We have secured Xavier Amador who wrote "I Am Not Sick, I Don't Need Help" as a speaker.

Upcoming Events:

Board of Directors	April 16
Public Policy	April 20
Membership Conf. Mtg	April 19
Indianapolis FaithCep Conf	May 3
MHAI Symposium	May 13
Public Policy	May 18





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April 17, 2000 is my anniversary date with NAMI Indiana. It is hard to believe that I have been a part of NAMI for five years. WOW! Have I ever learned so very much! Listening to people's stories from consumers and family members to working with our office volunteers, board members and affiliate leaders that I learned how to advocate for individuals and how to help people in need of services. Not a day goes by that I haven't been able to help someone. WOW, now who can say that everyday? I feel very fortunate that I found NAMI and that I can make a small difference in the lives of people everyday. Thank you!

Executive Director's Calendar

MARCH

- 1 Mtg w/ IUPUI affiliate
- 2 Conference Call
- 3 DMHA Advisory Council
- 4 Richmond CIT Banquet
- 7 P&A mtg
- 8 RX for Indiana Kick-off
- 8 Lunch Mtg
- 10 ED Group call
- 11 Membership Conf call
- 12 Lunch Mtg
- 14 Lilly Luncheon
- 16 Public Policy Comm.
- 17 Jury Duty
- 18 Breakfast
- 21 Mtg with Marilyn
- 23 Statehouse
- 23 Development Mtg
- 24 Mtg w/ David Hillman
- 24 Advocacy Mtg

APRIL

- 1 CIT Summit
- 4-8 Pam's Vacation
- 11 DMHA Advisory Council
- 13 INDPLS CIT Breakfast
- 14 Mtg w/ Susan Kent
- 14 IUPUI Campus Kick-Off
- 15 Mtg @ DOC
- 16 Board Meeting
- 19 Membership Conf. Mtg
- 20 IPPC
- 22 Consortium MH,Add, & CJ
- 29 SECT

MAY

- 3 INDPSLS FaithCep Conf.
- 5 DMHA Advisory Council
- 10 P & A
- 13 MHAI Symposium
- 18 IPPC