



BUSY SUMMER!

Trains, planes and automobiles! How about trainings, meetings and workshops? Slow period? Not around your state organization. We have been extremely busy this summer. We helped plan the Consumer Council Retreat that was July 16 & 17. Our Leadership Conference on July 23 was a huge success and on July 29—30 we trained instructors for Visions for Tomorrow.

We have been updating our strategic plan. We have been planning our first annual face to face campaign. (a fund raising program)

The National Conference was held in hot, hot, hot, Austin, Texas this year. Some of the highlights included: name change, NAMI members voted to change the name of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, more politically correct. Another highlight was King Davis presentation where he discussed the President's New Freedom Commission. He brought to our attention that after the report came out, there was no public announcement or rah, rah, around the

findings. Interesting! Other highlights include hearing Ted Kaczynski brother speak; attending a Celebration of Recovery, and of course networking with friends and colleagues.

NAMI Walks: At the National Convention, all you heard were the successes of the NAMI Walks. State and local affiliates have raise a whole lot of money and the awareness is extraordinary. Every time I meet with our members, there is enthusiasm and many questions which I cannot answer. I feel this is a very important program that will allow us and local affiliates to grow membership and awareness. This program takes manpower and resources. But as I understand, it is well worth it.

I have been selected to be on a Co-Occurring Policy Academy. It involves 2 days of training in the state and 3 days of training in Philadelphia. This training is done through SAMHSA. However, I will be missing two Mental Health Commission meetings which is so important.

MMA? If you don't know what this is.....

Then you better start learning. MMA stands for the Medicare Modernization Act. President Bush signed this into law and it goes into effect January 2006. This could affect you in a couple of ways. First if you are old enough to be on Medicare and Medigap insurance, you need to find out more information as this will affect you also. Second, if you or your child or spouse

are dual eligible (use both Medicaid and Medicare). Medicare will pay for the medications instead of Medicaid.. Medicaid will still pay for all other health care costs except the prescriptions. There is lots to learn. The rules seem to be changing daily. You may want to attend the MMA workshop at our state conference to learn more. You can also go to www.medicare.gov.

Upcoming Events:

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| Board of Director's Meeting | August 13 |
| Public Policy Committee | August 17 |
| Mental Health Commission | August 30 |
| Mental Health Commission | Sept. 13 |
| Support Group Facilitator Training | Sept. 16– |
| State Conference | Oct 1 |



**NAMI Indiana
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For any not-for-profit organization, committee work is very important. Great discussions, debates, and decisions are made in committees. NAMI Indiana has several working committees. They include Public Policy, Chaired by Harriet Rosen, Development, Chaired by Ed Fehnel, Education, Chaired by Joan Lafuze, Finance, Chaired by Jean Ann Huntington, Children Issues, Co-chaired by Teresa Hatten and Deborah Washburn, Nominating Committee, Chaired by Bob Denniston, Strategic Planning, Chaired by Vid Beldavs, Consumer Council Executive Committee, Chaired by Kyle Llyod, State Conference Committee, Chaired by Joe Venable, and the Board Executive Committee, Chaired by Joe Venable.

If you are not on a committee, please volunteer. Which of the committees above would you be interested in serving? I can guarantee you will be enlighten at each meeting; that there will be very good discussion, and that you will be ask to help make decisions that impact persons affected by mental illness. Call me for more information! Pam

Executive Director's Calendar

JULY

- 6 Development Committee
MMA training
- 7 DMHA Advisory Council
- 8 CMS
Crawfordsville, Lynn Smith
- 11 NAMI Walks conf. Call
- 12 Medicaid Director
- 14 Strategic Planning Committee
Leadership Conf. Call
- 14 Children's Issues
- 19 Finance Committee
- 20 IPPC
- 23 Leadership Conference
- 26—Aug 9 Vacation!

AUGUST

- 9 Mental Health Commission
- 9-10 Co-Occurring Disorder Policy
Academy Training
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting
- 15 Co-Occurring Meeting
- 17 IPPC
- 19 Lilly volunteers
- 30 Mental Health Commission

SEPTEMBER

- 1 DMHA Advisory Council
- 8 NAMI IN Advisory Council
- 13 Mental Health Commission
- 13–15 Philly @ Co-Occurring
Academy
- 21 IPPC
- 23 SECT
- 27 Ft Wayne 25th Anniversary Party

