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SUBJECT: Nomination of Don R. Muller

The NAMI Utah State Organization is pleased to place in nomination, Don R. Muller, for the NAMI National Board of Directors.

Don Muller has been a NAMI member for many years, even as a local community mental health center director. He has always believed in family involvement and participation, even when many of his staff did not agree. He promoted the NAMI mission and the NAMI programs at his mental health center. He was truly an example of a working relationship between families and the public system administration.

As the NAMI Utah Board President Don has worked hard to help the board recognize their important role in the future of NAMI Utah. The organization has grown and improved in many ways over the past 5 years under his leadership. He has a clear understanding of the board responsibilities versus staff responsibilities and keeps them separate. He has worked very hard to assist in bringing NAMI Utah to a level of visibility and respect in the community that had never before existed.

He would make a very effective National NAMI board member because of his NAMI Utah board experience and his experience in the public mental health system. He understands complex funding streams that are provided by Medicaid, Medicare, and local legislative bodies. He can offer leadership to small struggling state organizations to help them achieve growth and success.

We need more people like Don Muller on the NAMI National Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Vicki Cottrell  
Executive Director

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