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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF DON R. MULLER

The NAMI Utah State Organization is pleased to re-nominate Don R. Muller for the NAMI National Board of Directors.

Don Muller first became involved with NAMI as a local community mental health center director. Since his first experience with NAMI, Don has been an active member and advocate for its mission and programs. As an administrator of a large mental health center, he always believed in the importance of family involvement and participation despite the objection of many of his staff. The example he has set for working relationships between families and public system administrations is a meaningful guideline for others to follow.

Immediately upon his retirement, Don chose to become more actively involved with NAMI as a member of the Board. As the NAMI Utah Board President, Don has worked hard to help the Board members recognize their important role in the future of NAMI Utah. Under his 6 years of leadership, the organization has grown and improved in many ways and continues to do so while he is serving on the Board as Past President. He has a clear understanding of Board 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 has never before existed.

I am sure he will continue to be very effective as a member of the National NAMI Board because of his NAMI Utah Board experience and his extensive work with 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



Sherri Wittwer
Executive Director

