

March 18, 2019

NAMI

Attn: Elections 2019  
3803 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100  
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Dear Sir or Madam:

The NAMI Maryland Board of Directors is pleased to nominate Dr. Lisa R. Carchedi as a candidate for the NAMI Board of Directors (“Board”). Dr. Carchedi, a veteran and a psychiatrist, has a skill set that would be extremely valuable to your Board. She meets NAMI’s qualifications for Board membership and has expressed her willingness to commit to the requirements of a being a NAMI Board member.

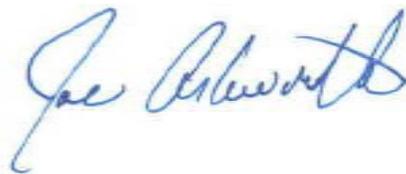
Dr. Carchedi is committed to and passionate about NAMI and its mission. She presently is on the staff and manages a 28-bed inpatient psychiatric facility in Havre de Grace, Maryland. Dr. Carchedi is deeply interested in growing, through provider education, her colleagues’ knowledge about NAMI and mental illness. In her efforts as a medical school educator, she was proactive in bringing local affiliates into her classes to describe NAMI and its mission. Dr. Carchedi also shares NAMI’s commitment to veterans and their families. As a physician and manager, Dr. Carchedi can provide valuable insight into the issues and barriers facing those living with mental illness and their families’ as they seek to obtain and maintain mental health services. Further, Dr. Carchedi’s status as physician also would be valuable to your Board in approaching hospitals, health organizations and insurers in NAMI’s fundraising and development efforts.

Dr. Carchedi has critical lived experience as a family member and has been active in fundraising at the affiliate level. She formed Walk teams that were leaders in fundraising. Although she has not been an affiliate or state organization leader, Dr. Carchedi was deeply involved in fundraising at NAMI Austin. While there has been a “gap” in her NAMI involvement, that is explained by family issues that required her attention for several years.

In summary, we believe that Dr. Carchedi would lend a powerful and necessary voice to the NAMI Board of Directors and, consequently, we are hereby nominating her for the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact the chairs of our Board Development and Nominating Committee, Don Slater and Bob Blankfeld.

Very truly yours,



Joe Ashworth  
President, NAMI Maryland Board of Directors