

April 1, 2020

Dear NAMI National Staff,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of nomination for Carlos A. Larrauri, who I have known and worked closely with for 5 years. In my 35 plus year career, I have met few individuals with Carlos' intellectual talent, eloquence, intuition, drive, innate interpersonal skills, and acuity. From the moment I met Carlos in 2015, I saw immense leadership potential, which in the past 5 years he has amplified with his community engagement and academic studies. I can without reservation say that he has made a lasting impact on our community and on hundreds of individuals whose recovery from mental illness has been possible because of Carlos' influence.

Carlos has served with me on the Board of Directors for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Miami-Dade County for the past 4 years. Carlos was instrumental in leading this organization during our period of unprecedented growth: as a peer leader, trainer, board member, fundraiser and public speaker. He has demonstrated leadership in every project and every initiative that he has undertaken. He has engaged in over 50 community outreach events to students at universities, law enforcement for crisis intervention training, and providers at community mental health organizations. He regularly represents NAMI Miami-Dade County in our advocacy efforts with local government, speaking at mental health conferences, and in multiple television appearances with South Florida's public television stations.

Carlos has not only undertaken rigorous curricula in his academic work in which he has excelled; he has also demonstrated the ability to balance his non-profit commitments with his academic and practicum work. He is a fast and curious learner. As a result, he rapidly developed proficiency in areas that were less familiar to him such as fundraising, policy advocacy, strategy and management.

Carlos' interpersonal style is charismatic and perceptive. He is optimistic, cheerful, warm and good humored even during demanding periods of work and study. He is adept at gauging the level of knowledge and ability of individuals he teaches, and is a leader who motivates others to do their best. Carlos has high goals for his career and I have absolutely no doubt that he will maximize the learning opportunities offered by your institution, to achieve a profound societal impact with the work he plans to pursue. Please see attachment for our board resolution where Carlos' nomination occurred and verification that candidate is an active member of nominating organization.

Sincerely,



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