## **Dhanu Sannesy**

## Nominated by NAMI Orange County, NY

## **Nominator Narrative**

Rosemarie Richardsen Treasurer, NAMI Orange County, NY

Strengths and attributes the NAMI Board has identified as high priority needs for the 2023-2024 NAMI Board of Directors; any strengths/attributes identified by the nominator are starred and in bold:

- Diversity of age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, language, experience, and national geography\*\*
- Knowledge of the philanthropic community and track record with donor cultivation\*\*
- Experience with a variety of revenue models and financial oversight and management\*\*
- Human capital management\*\*
- Legal and risk management
- Criminal Justice\*\*

In 250 words or less, please explain how the candidate will use their skills in the areas identified here and in the Open Letter to move the mission of the NAMI Board forward. If the candidate does not have any experience in these areas, please explain what qualities you feel that the candidate possesses that the NAMI Board of Directors should consider when making their recommendations to the membership.

Dhanu keeps learning and informing. She immerses herself in ways to get the NAMI word out there. Strives to inform our community that NAMI is hear to help. She is our web designer, our recruiter, our meeting facilitator, our knowledge base, our friend with many hats! She is always there to lend an ear. She finds the time to be there for NAMI and her family and friends. She works tirelessly to bring the knowledge she gains to those in need. She pushes forward to be heard and is a powerful bundle of NAMI knowledge, mental health knowledge and discoverer of recourses to help those struggling including the families and loved ones.

This individual has helped advance the NAMI mission in my community by...

building a fantastic inclusive website, keeping us current, leadership

This individual works well in coordination with other leaders to accomplish goals as evidenced by...

Is well known as facilitator, and educator, well liked