



May 23, 2021

NAMI

Attn: Elections 2020

4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22203

Via Email: voting@nami.org

Re: Nomination of Dr. Wrenn for the NAMI Board of Directors

On behalf of NAMI Georgia, Inc. it is with great honor that I am writing to recommend Dr. Wrenn to serve on the NAMI Board of Directors. Dr. Wrenn is a member of NAMI DeKalb affiliate.

Dr. Wrenn is a psychiatrist, associate professor, and mental health policy expert who is dedicated to the advancement of mental health equity and wellbeing. She currently serves as Chief Medical Officer of 180 Health Partners based in Franklin, TN.

A West Point graduate, and recipient of the Distinguished Cadet Award, Dr. Wrenn survived a nearfatal car accident while a cadet in 1998, which left her with permanent disabilities and foreshortened her military career. Her commitment to a lifetime of service to the nation has since been actualized through her community service and professional work.

Dr. Wrenn graduated cum laude from Jefferson Medical College in 2004 and pursued residency training in psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania where she was Chief Resident. She then completed the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Pennsylvania where she was also a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics earning a Master of Science in Health Policy Research.

Dr. Wrenn's passion and overall aim is to help create environments where individuals adversely impacted by adversity and trauma will face a path forward that makes it easier for them to recover and build a good life. As there are many paths to the trans-theoretical construct of resilience, Dr. Wrenn's work has examined diverse health conditions and approaches to fostering individual and community resource development and recovery.

Dr. Wrenn has held several academic leadership roles including Associate Director of Residency Training at Morehouse School of Medicine and founding director of the Kennedy Satcher Center for Mental Health Equity in the Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) at Morehouse School



of Medicine. She has developed innovative health systems solutions including an integrated model of upstream crisis intervention at Grady Health System, the Women's Center of Excellence for Specialty Care Education at the Atlanta VAMC, and the Integrated Care Leadership Program at SHLI. She holds a patent for a software as service solution developed for Grady Health System's Neighborhood Clinics which is a self-administered, multi-diagnostic psychiatric screening/assessment tool called Psych SitRep.

Dr. Wrenn has been recognized for her leadership and public service and continues to serve as a Board Member and advisor to several national mental health organizations, notably the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law and was the first psychiatrist appointed to the board of NCQA. She serves on the Secretary of the VA's Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans and was a member of the HHS Secretary's Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (Healthy People 2030). She is a sought-after consultant, speaker and passionate advocate for mental health. She currently resides in Decatur, GA with her husband and three children where she practices telepsychiatry for several Integrated Care Clinics.

Please also see her CV that I have included that highlights her great work in depth. I and the NAMI Georgia Board of Directors feel that Dr. Wrenn would be an excellent NAMI Board member and bring incredible knowledge to the NAMI board.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Dr. Wrenn and on behalf of the NAMI Georgia Board of Directors, staff, our members, and myself we take this moment to thank you for all that NAMI does to support their affiliates in our grassroots work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim H. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim H. Jones
Executive Director, NAMI Georgia



**NAMI GA
Executive Committee Minutes
5/19-20/21**

On May 21, 2021, Kim Jones ED for NAMI GA at the direction of the NAMI GA President, Debra Feagins and the VP, Ron Koon, sent an E-mail to the NAMI Georgia Executive Committee to vote to submit an application for Dr. Wrenn's nomination for the NAMI Board of Directors. Vice President, Ron Koon, made the motion, President Debra Feagins, seconded the nomination a discussion was held about the process that NAMI uses for election process. On May 22, 2021 the NAMI Georgia executive committee completed its voting to apply for nomination of Dr. Wrenn for the NAMI Board of Directors and the motion passed unanimously.