2017 National Convention Preliminary Schedule

(This schedule is subject to change - draft schedule 2/21/2017)

Wednesday, June 28
- 8:30am – 5:00pm  Registration Open
- 9:00 – 11:00am  Convention Orientation, First-Timers Networking, NAMI Program Fair
- 11:15am – 12:00pm  Presentation TBD
- 12:15 – 1:15pm  Speeches by NAMI Board Candidates
- 12:00 – 1:00pm  Capitol Hill Visits: Hill Day
- 9:30am – 12:00pm  Presentation TBD
- 1:30 – 3:30pm  Program Directors Meeting
- 1:30 – 4:30pm  Federal Legislative Briefing and Hill Day Training
- 8:00 – 9:00pm  Evening TBD

Thursday, June 29
- 7:30 – 9:00am  Opening Legislative Plenary
- 8:30am – 5:00pm  Registration Open
- 9:00am – 1:00pm  Capitol Hill Visits: Hill Day
- 9:30am – 12:00pm  Presentation TBD
- 1:30 – 2:45pm  Workshops: Group A

Advocating for Recommended Clinical Care When Coverage is Denied
Individuals, their families and their mental health clinicians often feel helpless when clinically recommended care is denied by managed care reviewers. Learn about parity law requirements, the value of mobilizing the voice of the contract holder and employer, cite research, practice guidelines and how to effectively advocate for needed and clinically recommended care using relevant tools and tactics.
- Andrew Gerber, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Director and CEO, Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, Mass.
- Eric Plakun, M.D., Associate Medical Director, Director of Biopsychosocial Advocacy, Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, Mass.

Caring for the Caregiver
Stigma extends beyond individuals who struggle with mental illness, touching their family members and close friends as well. It is imperative that caregivers not be discouraged and give up hope for a good quality of life and withdraw from their relative or friend. Caregivers will be educated about the burdens and meaningfulness attached to their work as well as secondary stigma and its impact on caregivers.
- Adrienne Kennedy, M.A., Member, Board of Directors, NAMI, Austin, Texas
Caring for the Spirit: The Role of the Arts, Faith and Community in Recovery
As individuals work in recovery, the power of arts, the role of faith and the importance of community is often neglected. Learn how a program focused on the arts became an opportunity for education and empowered people and how to replicate a model where individuals can be engaged, empowered and educated about the power of arts, faith and community in healing journeys.

Nancy Kehoe, Ph.D., M.Ed., Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School, Belmont, Mass.
Amanda Lipp, Consultant, Lipp & Associates and Board Member, NAMI California, Sacramento, Calif.

Criminal Justice Partnerships: Engagements are Foundational Pillars Supporting Success and Sustainability
NAMI members are encouraged to participate in this engaging session designed to illustrate how CIT partnerships take shape and progress as well as some common challenges of mission plans and missed or overlooked solutions. Participants will learn how to formalize structured partnerships, establish CIT sub-committees and see firsthand challenges of an engaging process.

Sam Cochran, M.S., Major (Retired), CIT Coordinator, CIT International, Bartlett, Tenn.
Josh Thomas, Ph.D., Executive Director, NAMI Delaware, Wilmington, Del.
Laura Usher, M.S., Senior Manager, Criminal Justice & Advocacy, NAMI, Arlington, Va.

Emotion Regulation Group Therapy for Self-injury in Borderline Personality Disorder
Emotion Regulation Group Therapy (ERFT) is a 14-week, empirically-supported, group treatment for self-injury among individuals with borderline personality disorder, designed to target both self-injury and its underlying mechanism. Though the treatment is well-known and widely implemented in other countries, it has not been as widely implemented in the U.S. Participants will learn about the content and research-base of this novel treatment and its current support.

Kim Gratz, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio
Joy Sprague, Board Member, The National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder, Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Employment and Ongoing Support: That's the Ticket!
Learn about the three biggest myths about disability benefits and work and hear from a former Ticket program participant with mental illness, her decision to work and the services and ongoing support she received on her journey to employment. Participants will gain information to utilize when making informed decisions about work and will be empowered to succeed. Service provider participants will be encouraged to consider becoming an approved Ticket to Work service provider.

Karen Davidson, Certified Work Incentive Practitioner and Program Outreach Manager, Social Security’s Ticket to Work Program, Alexandria, Va.
Jayme Pendergraft, Program Outreach Manager, Social Security’s Ticket to Work Program/Maximus, Alexandria, Calif.
Engaging Diverse Volunteers in the NAMI Mission
Recruiting diverse volunteers and ensuring their continued engagement is crucial for NAMI affiliates throughout the country. Volunteers who implement our programs must reflect the communities they serve and come from a wide variety of demographics and overall life experiences. Individuals, family members and professional participants will learn the value of volunteering with NAMI, hear diverse perspectives about volunteer involvement and have a chance to ask questions of volunteers who serve in signature programs.

Jaime Ebersole, Director of Outreach and Special Projects, NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore, Baltimore

Equipping Minds through Games
The brain has the ability to change as the latest research on neuroplasticity has proven. Cognitive and educational gains have been proven with this evidence-based curriculum that can be replicated and used by everyone. Participants will put this research into practice by learning specific brain training exercises which have been proven to increase working memory, processing and attention as well as long term memory retrieval.

Carol Brown, Ed.D., Executive Director and Educational Specialist, Equipping Minds, Frankfort, K.Y.

Fighting Stigma in Schools: Testing the Effectiveness of NAMI’s Ending the Silence Presentation
NAMI’s Ending the Silence focuses on educating middle and high school students about the warning signs of mental illness, giving them the knowledge needed to seek help for themselves and others when needed. Learn about primary study results from six research sites as part of a three-year project working to obtain evidence-based designation for NAMI Ending the Silence which will help to break down current barriers in offering mental health education in schools across the country.

Jennifer Rothman,
Otto Wahl, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of Hartford, Hartford, Conn.

Honest, Open, Proud to Erase the Stigma of Mental Illness
The Honest, Open, Proud (HOP) program is an anti-stigma program that teaches tools and skills to people with lived experience to consider how they may self-disclose their experiences. Research shows that people who are out about their experiences have better physical and mental health; self-disclosing, if one chooses to do so, is a powerful tool to reduce stigma by combatting stereotypes and promoting advocacy. Participants will gain information about how to bring similar programs to their communities.

Kyra Newman, M.S.W., Director of Recovery, NAMI Chicago, Chicago

In Our Own Voice for Police and other First Responders
Education for police by individuals with lived experience and their families is crucial. Participants will hear the story of a peer support specialist in recovery from a dual diagnosis and learn about how individuals can train police by putting a face to severe mental illness, treatment and recovery. Presenters will illustrate the power of treatment and resiliency and how individuals can assist policy and first responders by sharing their stories.

Dianna Benefiel, Indiana Certified Recovery Specialist, NAMI Indianapolis, Plainfield, Ind.
Ray Lay, Indiana Certified Recovery Specialist, NAMI Indiana and Veteran Peer Support Specialist, Hope Rising, Inc., Indianapolis

Measuring the Outcomes that Matter
Using innovative technologies to capture patient-reported information is viable in the behavioral health provider’s clinical setting. Participants will learn about how patient
feedback can inform behavioral health treatment decisions by giving providers an actionable, direct and immediate set of patient-reported data to put their clinical skills to their best and highest use.

- Juan De Cardenas, M.B.A., Program Director – Outcomes, Beacon Health Options, Coral Gables, Fla.

Program Participants Guiding Mental Health Agencies
Learn how a group of tenants and program participants from 22 housing programs came together to form an advisory group to a CEO. Watch videos and learn about the steps taken from the participant selection process and conflicts early on, how the agency supported the group and the three initiatives that were created by the advisory group in first three years. Participants will learn how to think differently about program participant involvement in decisions and how to create an advisory group.

- Mark Jennings, M.S.W., M.Div., Deputy Director of Housing, Community Access, New York
- Carla Rabinowitz, J.D., Advocacy Coordinator, Community Access, New York

- 3:00 – 4:30pm Open Mic with NAMI Board
- 4:45 – 5:30pm State Caucuses: Group One
- 5:45 – 6:30pm State Caucuses: Group Two
- 6:30 – 7:30pm Grieving Support Group
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group
- 7:00 – 8:30pm NAMI Family Support Group
- 7:00 – 8:30pm NEA.BPD Family Connections Leader Gathering
- 7:30 – 9:00 pm Evening Presentation TBD

Friday, June 30
- 8:00 – 8:45am Presentation TBD
- 8:30am – 5:00pm Registration Open
- 9:00 – 10:15am Research Updates: Group One
  - Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE)
    - Lisa Dixon, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center and Director, Division of Mental Health Services and Policy Research & Center for Practice Innovations, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York
    - John Kane, M.D., Investigator, Center for Psychiatric Neuroscience, The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, The Zucker Hillside Hospital and Chair & Professor, Psychiatry and Professor of Molecular Medicine, Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine, Manhasset, N.Y.
  - Technology to Improve Care: What’s My M3? The 3 Minute Test for Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder and PTSD.
    - Steve Daviss, M.D., DFAPA, Chief Medical Information Officer, M3 Information and President, Fuse Health Strategies Rockville, Md.
  - Weight Loss and Overall Health
    - Stephen Bartels, M.D., M.S., Professor of Psychiatry, Community and Family Medicine, The Dartmouth Institute, Lebanon, N.H.
9:00am – 6:00pm  
Voting (for credentialed voting representatives only)

10:45am – 12:00pm  
Research Updates: Group Two

- **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)**
  - Aaron Brinen, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
  - Paul Grant, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
  - Ellen Inverso, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

- **Depression**
  - Carlos A. Zarate, M.D., Chief, Experimental Therapeutics & Pathophysiology Branch and of the Section on Neurobiology and Treatment of Mood and Anxiety Disorders, Division Intramural Research Program, National Institute of Mental Health and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, The George Washington University and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Howard Medical School, Bethesda, Md.

- **Smoking Cessation in Patients with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder**
  - Anne Eden Evins, M.D., M.P.H., Director, MGH Center for Addiction Medicine and William Cox Family Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston

- **Two Perspectives on Genetics**
  - Daniel R. Weinberger, M.D., Director and CEO, Lieber Institute for Brain Development and Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Neurology, Neuroscience and The Institute of Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md.
  - Elise Robinson, Sc.D., Department of Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health, Stanley Center for Psychiatric Research, Broad Institute and Harvard, Boston

12:45 – 2:00pm  
Poster Sessions

**P.1 – AKA NAMI Partnership**

NAMI and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) have a strong partnership. Learn more about this partnership, the many ways in which the organizations have been engaged together and how to identify, locate and reach out to your local AKA chapter and AKA members in your community.

- Rosalind Theresa Anderson, M.S.N., CRRN, Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Board Member, NAMI Tyler, Mesquite, Texas

**P.2 - Assessing Levels of Stigma Among Mental Healthcare Providers**

PsychU is a movement to broaden awareness and encourage collaboration among healthcare professionals centered on improving mental health care. Across the U.S., as a virtual community, PsychU has over 18,000 healthcare professionals who have joined, from social workers, pharmacists and psychiatrists to healthcare payers. Learn more about PsychU, goals and results from the OMS-HC survey and learn about the resources currently available on PsychU for stigma awareness and education.

- Deidra Couch, Ph.D., Senior Medical Science Liaison, Lundbeck, Deerfield, Ill.
- Monica Kim, Pharm.D. M.B.A., Medical Science Liaison, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Princeton, N.J.
- Kelly Stein-Marcus, Ph.D., Regional Director, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Princeton, N.J.
- Gwen Stockton, Pharm.D., Senior Medical Science Liaison, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Princeton, N.J.
P.3 - Bringing CIT Principles to our Jails and Prisons
Hear about diverse perspectives of how CIT is used in multiple environments, including from the perspective of a former prisoner, a law enforcement/CIT training officer and a presenter with implementation of CIT in corrections. Learn how to advocate for CIT in corrections in your community.

- Sam Cochran, M.S., Major (Retired), CIT Coordinator, CIT International, Bartlett, Tenn.
- David Deutsch, M.S.W., Executive Director, NAMI Ventura County, Camarillo, Calif.
- Jeff Fladen, M.S.W., Executive Director, NAMI Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn.
- Mark Stadler, M.S., Police Commander (Retired) and CIT Program Administrator, Ventura County Sheriff’s Office, Camarillo, Calif.

P. 4 - Creating Community Connections Through Arts-Based Research
Hear from a poet and artist about the experience of being a single parent of a child living with mental illness. Learn about her research project, her poem and painting created from her experience and how to deploy arts-based research to engage in your local communities and support local NAMI affiliates.

- Marcy Meyer, Ph.D., M.A., Associate Professor, Department of Communication Studies, Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.

P.5 - Engaging Families and Building Resilience Through Dialectical Behavior Therapy
Dialectical behavior skills are symbiotic for families and individuals who struggle with emotion regulation. Participants will gain access to a detailed step-by-step problem management approach for dealing with difficult emotions. Families will learn why validation is important, what a validating environment looks like and how and when to use validation. Learn techniques in role-playing scenarios.

- Perry Hoffman, Ph.D., President, The National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
- Elizabeth Rose, Board Member, The National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder, Katy, Texas
- Joy Sprague, Board Member, The National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder, Bainbridge Island, Wash.

P.6 - My Vision of the NAMI Llama
Hear Matthew’s struggle with mental illness, his story of redemption and the creation of the llama mascot and how it helped in his journey of recovery. Learn how he utilized the llama to grow his local affiliate from one county to twelve in just a few years. Participants will learn how to utilize the llama in their own affiliates and generate public interest in NAMI.

- Matthew Gauen, NAMI Connection Facilitator and Member, NAMI Southwestern Illinois, Granite City, Ill.

P.7 - Overcoming the Shame of Attempted Suicide: Storytelling & Call to Action
Hear Jamie’s story as a gay, alcoholic man in recovery and two-time suicide attempt survivor. Participants will learn to recognize the value of lived experience in preventing suicide, create more 12-step style, peer-led support groups for suicide attempt survivors and address the role of alcohol and substance use in suicidal behavior.

- Jamie Brickhouse, Storyteller, Author, New York

P.8 - Pennies for Progress: Funding Landscape for Social Justice and People with Disabilities
Foundation giving for people with disabilities is distressingly low, but which funders are giving to benefit these communities? How much of this giving is for general support? Gain answers to these questions from a series of reports, including analysis of new data on giving for social justice and underserved communities and learn how to advocate and advance systems change strategies.
P.9 - Promising Practices to Improve Quality of Life in Young People with Schizophrenia and Other Severe Mental Illnesses
Learn about new and innovative comprehensive psychosocial intervention approaches for treating young people first experiencing a mental illness, including examples of programs and their results. Learn how to feel empowered to advocate for the most effective treatments for young adults in early stages of mental illness as well as how to engage in your communities to make these programs a reality.

P.10 - Secondary Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (SPTSD): Implications of Exposure to Secondary Trauma and Care for the Helping Professionals
There is little professional support given to the secondary trauma experiences by caregivers as a result of repeated exposure to the traumatic events shared by clients. Learn about SPTSD, solutions that are available and how to proactively care for yourself and colleagues.

P.11 - Teaching Lived Experience in Academic and Public Spheres
Teaching lived experience is an effective way to reduce stigma and increase mental health awareness. Participants will learn to identify opportunities for lived experience teaching and gain access to tools to create effective teaching sessions rooted in individual’s lived experience. Learn practical tips and frameworks for creating and adapting teaching sessions with a variety of settings.

P.12 - The Effectiveness of Peer and Family Support Early Intervention Programs in Recovery
Peers and family members with lived experience offer unique strengths to people in acute care mental health settings. Learn about two novel and effective recovery-oriented programs based in psychiatric emergency rooms, inpatient units and crisis stabilization houses and the beneficial effects of peer and family support for people in crisis and their loved ones.

P.13 - Utilizing Facebook and Twitter to Foster Support, Friendships, Create Awareness and Instigate Advocacy
Social media is easily accessible to millions across the country and can be harnessed to assist people who struggle with mental illness. Very often, the internet is the only point of contact for those most isolated and by creating a warm and welcoming space, they
can achieve substantial wellness. Participants will be shown how to create mental health communities on Facebook and how to utilize Twitter to further connect and mobilize.

- Neesa Sunar, Peer Specialist and Advocate, Transitional Services for New York, Inc. Bayside, N.Y.
- Sonja Dawn Van Breda, Peer Advocate, NAMI NYC Metro, Bronx, N.Y.

**P.14 – “Young Adults’ Experience of Depression in the US”: Educating, Empowering and Engaging Stakeholders through Technology**

Learn about the innovative, multi-stakeholder approach used to develop a US based project on young adult experiences of depression. Hear from participants who have been integral to this project, stories of engagement and how to leverage technology to understand and communicate diverse experiences of depression.

- Myra Hilling, Project Participant, Advisor and Musician, Brown Deer, Wis.
- Nancy Pandhi, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis.
- Meghan Vieth, Project Participant, Advisor and Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis.
- Meg Wise, Ph.D., Associate Scientist, School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis.

**2:15 - 3:45pm**

Major Topic Symposia

**4:00 – 5:15pm**

Workshops: Group B

**An Examination of Student Mental Health Services and Supports in Institutions of Higher Education**

Be a part of a discussion regarding findings from a nation-wide research study that interviewed and surveyed policy and practitioner experts and students regarding policies and practices that support students in higher education. Learn about current mental health services and policies in higher education, the implications of the study and identify policies that enhance the ability of students with mental health conditions to access equitable services.

- Remmert Dekker, Education Analyst, RTI International, Berkeley, Calif.
- Jay Feldman, Ph.D., Program Director, RTI International, Berkeley, Calif.
- Deborah Tull, Ph.D., Director, Mental Health Services, CalMHSA L.A. College Consortium, Rolling Hills, Calif.

**Ask the Psychiatrist**

Join Dr. Komrad for an open question and dialogue session that will allow participants to pose questions that have both short and longer term significance and help participants understand current treatments, appreciate other alternative treatment alternatives, navigate the mental health system and meet longer term rehabilitation goals.

- Mark Komrad, M.D., Psychiatrist, Sheppard Pratt Health System, Professor, Johns Hopkins University and Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Maryland, Towson, Md.

**Brilliantly Battling Burnout: Practical Information, Tools and Real-Time Exercises**

Advocates, caregivers and providers for individuals with mental health conditions can experience burnout. Join facilitators to learn individual and systems-based conceptualizations of burnout, how to mitigate its effects and how to implement empirically-supported, anti-burnout techniques, including self-compassion, radical self-care and art therapy. Participants will learn how to assess their own level of burnout and how to create a burnout prevention plan.

Creating a Young Professionals Advisory Board to Support your State or Local Affiliate
It is crucial to engage the next generation of leaders in our mission to educate, serve and advocate for individuals and families affected by mental illness. Members of NAMI NYC-Metro’s Young Professionals Advisory Board (YPAB) will discuss how state and local affiliates can bring together younger generations together to harness their creativity, drive and passion for mental health advocacy to change the national conversation, reduce stigma surrounding mental health and help sustain and grow your affiliate.

Discover New Ways to Help and Engage Your Community While Leveraging NAMI’s Assets
Learn successful strategies for engaging and building community, including how to offer helpline services, recruit volunteers, provide training for volunteers and staff, build a social media presence and use technology to offer new learning opportunities. Participants will gain an opportunity for peer learning and support as well as insight into leveraging information channels.

NAMI In Our Own Voice Reimagined
NAMI has revamped the NAMI In Our Own Voice (IOOV) presentation materials. Learn about the relevant anti-stigma research, social science and internal review processes used to inform this project that are applicable to other anti-stigma initiatives and view a demo of the updated NAMI IOOV program.

Preparing NAMI Affiliate Start-Ups for Success with Standards of Excellence
As NAMI state organization leaders continue to support affiliates through the Standards of Excellence process, we examine ways in which to integrate these standards into your overall start-up process. Hear from both state and affiliate leaders about encouraging and supporting affiliate growth, establishing affiliate service areas, developing a start-up handbook and guiding new affiliates through the Standards of Excellence process.

Recovery Supports for Family Members: Strategies and Resources Through the Lens of Peer Support
Hear updated information from SAMHSA about efforts that promote recovery supports for family members through a peer support model. Participants will explore strategies and resources available to assist family members in their diverse roles as caregivers, advocates, supporters and dependents to a loved one in adult recovery from mental illness.
Resiliency and Healing: The Aftermath of Violence in Marginalized Communities
Learn about the impact of race-based traumas on our physical, social and emotional pathways with innovative research for policy and change. Participants will learn about raced-based trauma and how it can impact learning and functioning in children and learn how to promote resiliency and responsibility of those entrusted with this care for systemic and sustainable change.

Stories from Within: Standards for Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities
National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) standards have helped correctional facilities improve the mental health of their inmates, increase the efficiency of their mental health services delivery, strengthen their organization effectiveness and reduce their risk of adverse patient outcomes. Stakeholders and decision makers will learn how to educate families about the current problems in correctional facilities and how to create a path of care for those with mental illness who have been arrested or detained.

Successful State Efforts to Involve Families and Caregivers in Mental Health Treatment
New Hampshire has required its state health system provide information to caregivers relevant to caring for patients regardless of authorization. South Carolina required providers offer patients opportunities to sign releases for caregivers. Oregon required hospitals adopt protocols discharging patients admitted for mental illness, and “encourage” signing releases. Companion legislation stated what providers should release without authorizations, and provided immunity from malpractice suits. Participants will learn about how the legislation was developed and passed.

Wearables and Mobile Health Platform for PTSD
Disease progression and treatment are currently monitored only in an irregular and discontinuous fashion, allowing disease progression and relapse to go undetected. Come learn about strategies to implement, integrate and analyze continuous passive and ecological acquisition of biosensor data covering multiple domains. Learn how to tailor a health monitoring system to ensure patients obtain immediate feedback and therapeutic intervention and to help health care providers identify and manage a symptom and direct treatment decisions.
The YouthFest program engages youth who are isolated and disconnected from peer support, while educating and supporting parents, caregivers and other family members in a supportive and fun setting. Attendees will understand key components for successful long-term engagement of youth and young adults, learn key strategies and expected outcomes of the YouthFest program and receive a toolkit for successful implementation of the program.

- Jeanne Comeau, President and CEO, NAMI Northern Virginia, Reston, Va.
- Kristen Marks, M.S.W., Program Director, NAMI Northern Virginia, Reston, Va.

- 5:30 – 6:15pm Yoga Activity
- 5:30 – 6:45pm Interfaith Prayer & Share Service
- 6:30 – 8:00pm NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group
- 6:30 – 8:00pm NAMI Family Support Group
- 8:00 – 9:15pm Evening Presentation TBD
- 9:30 – 9:45pm NVMC Candlelight Vigil

**Saturday, July 1**

- 8:30am – 1:00pm Registration Open
- 9:00 – 10:30am Research Plenary
  *Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D. Director, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md.*
- 10:45am – 12:00pm NAMI Annual Business Meeting
- 1:30 – 4:00pm Institutes
  - Policy Institute
  - Education Institute
- 4:15 – 5:30pm Special Interest and Networking Meetings
- 7:00 - 9:00pm Closing Banquet