NAMI CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

Destination: Recovery

August 21 & 22, 2009
Torrance, California
PLENARY SPEAKERS – Friday, August 21, 2009

BIPOLAR IN ORDER – LOOKING AT DEPRESSION, MANIA, AND SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM THE OTHER SIDE

Tom Wootton Named Keynote Speaker at NAMI California's Annual Conference

Tom Wootton is the author of "The Bipolar Advantage". He developed new concepts that he integrated into the first Bipolar In Order workshops in 2002. Since that time he has developed a series of workshops dealing with depression and bipolar. He is considered a leading consumer advocate and speaker and has been giving talks to consumer groups, mental health leaders, and doctors. He is giving keynote speeches to conferences nationwide on mental health.

Tom's approach to dealing with mental illness and his professional and engaging speaking style have made his talks a 'must' for consumers, family, friends, mental health workers and therapists.

Tom Wootton is currently the President and CEO of Bipolar Advantage and his many projects include:

- Creation, development and facilitation of the Bipolar In Order workshop series for consumers, friends and family, and mental health professionals.
- Clients in 2006 included NAMI organizations nationwide, Kaiser Permanente, Orange County Behavioral Health, Riverside County Older Adult Services, Mental Health Associations throughout California, and DBSA at state and national levels.
- Public Speaker on bipolar disorder, advocate and subject matter expert at State and National conferences.
- Author of publications, books and interviews on depression and bipolar. "The Bipolar Advantage" has remained in Amazon's top 10 books on bipolar disorder since release in October 2005.

DUAL DIAGNOSIS-RECOGNITION AND IMPORTANCE OF TREATMENT OF BOTH PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS AND ADDICTION

Akikur Reza Mohammad, MD, is Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at USC School of Medicine, where he is involved in research, teaching medical students, interns and residents. Dr. Mohammad is Board Certified by American Board of psychiatry and neurology, also Board Certified by American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM)

Dr. Mohammad has a private practice in Agoura Hills and is also the Founder and CEO of Malibu Horizon Residential Drug Treatment Center

OVERCOMING PTSD

Clayton Chau, MD, PhD, has been the Associate Medical Director, Integrated Services & Recovery, Orange County Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health since 1999. Dr. Chau's work focuses on the Transitional Age Youth program through PACT and on providing training to county employees, consumers, community members and other human service providers in Orange County in their process of transforming the Orange County public mental helath system to the recovery model. He obtained his MD from the University of Minnesota and his PhD from Chelsea University. He finished his psychiatry residency at UCLA followed by a fellowship with the National Institute of Mental Health in substance abuse and HIV. Dr. Chau is expert in the treatment of PTSD in Veterans and played a major role in the Dan E. Weisburd docudrama "Another Kind of Valor".
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF GREAT FOOD AND A SNEAK PREVIEW

THE CHORUS

THE CHORUS is an excellent film showing how homeless men and women with mental illness handled their living on Skid Row during the many years since landing there.

Walking along Skid Row, they tell a unique personal story of where they came from, how they got there and where they are now.

The production staff included many who worked on THE SOLOIST. Well worth seeing!

WORKSHOPS – Friday, August 21, 2009 3:20 pm – 5:00 pm

Is Transformation Working?

This workshop will describe the activities of the MHSOAC, including successes and challenges. It will provide an overview of the role of the MHSOAC, including the Commission’s approval authority for Prevention and Early Intervention programs and Innovation programs. It will also discuss barriers to implementation and will include discussion on housing through the MHSA. The workshop will also provide information to stakeholders on how to get involved, both at the local and state levels.
Plating the Seeds For Wellness: A Pilot Study of Complementary Alternative Care For Persons With Schizophrenia Living in the Community

This workshop will outline an interdisciplinary collaborative pilot study between Chiropractic care and Nursing. The project offered Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM), chiropractic care and spinal manipulation to clients diagnosed with Schizophrenia DSM-IV-TR 295, or Schizoaffective Disorder, DSM-IV-TR 295.70. The benefits of this care was then evaluated.

NAMI Kern County’s FRONT LINE 1 Year Later: Expansion Within Our Affiliate, State and Nation!

An innovative outreach program serving our vets and families while providing support, education, and advocacy. Come learn how this project in just 2 years has expanded our affiliate’s visibility while serving our military and their families.

Documenting Disability: Navigating The Social Security Claims Process

Attorneys Cari M. Schwartz and Megan F. DiTolla will join us to share their legal insight into the SSDI/SSI claims process. This presentation emphasizes crucial information and tips that can lead to the successful outcome of a claim based on mental illness.

“Lifestyle Redesign® for the College Student: Promoting Mental Health Occupational Therapy In Higher Education”

This workshop will focus on the increased demand for mental health services on a college campus and provide information and resources for how occupational therapy can be a unique service to address the health, wellness, and academic success of college students.

The Shaken Tree: Families Living With Mental Illness

This workshop consist of a 30 minute video followed by an interactive Power Point presentation about help for families and loved ones of persons living with mental illness. It promotes understanding of the social rehabilitation needed for the entire family when a family member has a mental illness. It provides practical steps a family should take in the beginning of a crisis as well as for the long term health of the family and their mentally ill family member. It demonstrates the need for a collaborative relationship between families and service providers to assist in the recovery and wellness of persons with mental illness.

Full Service Recovery in Therapeutic Communities

This workshop will provide insight into evidence-based practices that can serve consumers and their families in real community settings as opposed to warehoused locked facilities. Families, consumers, providers and the general community can benefit from client-centered care. Psynergy Programs will share and explore the challenges of locating, developing and operating modified therapeutic communities to serve individuals experiencing chronic or persistent mental distress.

“How to Interact With Law Enforcement – Preventing a crisis when being encountered by Police”

San Bernardino Police Department’s Homeless Advocate Officer steps outside her role as an enforcer and plays the role of an Advocate for the disabled homeless population. This is a reversed Crisis Intervention Training philosophy that is normally prepared for police officers but is geared for
consumers. The training curriculum has been created by Officer Marci Atkins and is the first of its kind training in the state. This training is designed to teach consumers how to prevent a crisis by understanding how a police officer thinks and why they may take an aggressive approach in the field. The training educates consumers not only how to interact with police, but also informs what other resources to utilize in addition to law enforcement. It is designed to encouraged consumers that they are respected and deserve to be treated like anyone else.

**Court Education Program on Mental Illness**

Introduction to NAMI Ventura’s two Court Education Program on Mental Illness. In depth 8-hour 8-MCLE accredited program. Educating lawyers, judges and other court personnel on mental illness from the family perspective.

**Consumer Leadership Institute – Friday, August 22 Noon – 4 pm**

**Consumer Advocacy**

The forum will provide resource materials and action plans to help members use information and collaborative methods to inform consumer advocacy and recovery.

Registration is required to attend this event.
Please see the conference registration form for details.

**PLENARY SPEAKERS – Saturday, August 22, 2009**

**MOVING TOWARDS A RECOVERY MODEL IN BIOBEHAVIORAL TREATMENT**

Alejandro Kopelowicz, MD, Alejandro (Alex) Kopelowicz, M.D. is Professor and Vice-Chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Medical Director of the San Fernando Mental Health Center (SFMHC), a community mental health center operated by the Department of Mental Health of Los Angeles County and Chief of Psychiatry at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Kopelowicz has been a frequent lecturer on biobehavioral treatment and psychiatric rehabilitation techniques. He has written a number of articles and book chapters on these subjects. He has spoken to Alliance for the Mentally Ill groups at the local, state and national levels.

Dr. Kopelowicz has been the recipient of several grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, including current projects that focus on culturally adapting the family psycho-education approach for a Mexican-American population and a multi-site study comparing a long-acting, injectable antipsychotic medication with oral atypical antipsychotic agents. He has also received a Young Investigator Award from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) to study the neurocognitive correlates of recovery from schizophrenia.

Dr. Kopelowicz was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and immigrated with his family to New York City at a young age. However, he remains fluent in Spanish, which has been enormously helpful in his work at SFMHC. He graduated Haverford College with a B.A. in Psychology, and went on to receive his medical education at Rutgers Medical School in New Jersey. He completed his psychiatric residency at the UCLA/San Fernando Valley program. He is married and he and his wife have three children.
RECOVERY: RAISING OUR OWN EXPECTATIONS

Gene Johnson, LCSW, received his Master of Social Work degree from Loyola University in 1971. Gene worked as a behavioral health practitioner in a variety of mental health leadership roles until 1990 when he founded META Services, Inc. As President and CEO of META Services, Gene had the vision of a non-profit organization that would offer alternatives to traditional psychiatric services. With the intention to move beyond stabilization, META Services has become known as “the Recovery Alternative”. Through the Recovery Education Center, over 3,000 service recipients in the United States and abroad have graduated from META’s Peer Support Training program during the past six years. Today META employs 250 Peer Support Specialists who work in complimentary roles alongside other mental health professionals delivering recovery-oriented programs of education and peer support.

In 2007, based on the META recovery experience, META became Recovery Innovations. Gene created Recovery Innovations non-profit companies in Arizona, California, North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Gene also serves as the CEO of the Recovery Opportunity Center, the Recovery Innovations training and technical assistance company that has provided training in over 27 states and abroad. Gene’s current interest is in facilitating the design and implementation of mental health recovery principles and practices at all levels, recovery for individuals, recovery for organizations, recovery for the service system, and recovery for communities.

COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION & RECOVERY: PEERS HELPING PEERS

Curley L. Bonds, MD, Dr. Bonds is an Associate Professor and Chair of Psychiatry at the Charles Drew University School of Medicine and Science. He holds a dual appointment as Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Bonds is a supervising psychiatrist with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, is the Director of Academics and Research for Jail Mental Health Services and the Women’s Community Reintegration Services and Education Center. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a Fellow of the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine.

Dr. Bonds is the Director of the Consultation and Evaluation Psychiatry Service for the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital. In this role he provides assessment and treatment for medical and psychiatric patients at the UCLA Center for Health Sciences. Dr. Bonds is the primary psychiatric consultant to the UCLA Heart Transplant Program and has worked extensively with medical and surgical patients in the UCLA Center for Health Sciences. The UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences has twice recognized him for his teaching contributions with the Outstanding Medical Student Teaching Award in 2000 and again with the Outstanding Housestaff Teaching Award in 2001.

The experience expressed at this conference do not necessarily reflect the views of NAMI California or any of its affiliated organizations, nor does NAMI California or its affiliated organizations necessarily endorse exhibited products or programs.
WORKSHOPS – Saturday, August 22, 2008 1:45 pm – 3:15

“New Insights and Challenges About Bipolar Spectrum

The road to recovery begins with education and awareness. This workshop will increase awareness, provide a better understanding of bipolar disorder, and separate it from other brain disorders. Bipolar disorder is often misdiagnosed, can be treatment resistant, chronic in nature, disabling and challenging. The workshop will focus on the magnitude of impairment bipolar disorder causes, new research on symptoms, treatments and genetics. There will be discussion on modern advances in treatment, both psychopharmacological and psychosocial interventions.

Enhancing Recovery By Including Recovery International’s Self-Help Method

An introduction to the benefits of Recovery International’s cognitive behavioral based training system to further recovery from mental illness, and for coping with everyday stressors for family and consumers. Basic concepts of the Recovery International method will be discussed and demonstrated.

Personal Support Services and Special Needs Trusts – Who Will Care When You’re Not There?

Learn how to plan for the future of disabled loved ones with a special needs trust that will not only guard their finances but may also fund personal support services both in the here and now, and when you are gone.

Suicide Prevention: How to Assess and Help a Suicidal Person

This workshop will discuss risk factors, protective factors, warning signs, where to seek help and what to do. This information will be of help to lay persons who find themselves in a situation with a suicidal person.

Seclusion and Restraints: In Schools and Beyond

Speakers will review state and federal restraint and seclusion laws, current reform initiatives, focus on schools, and tools for facilities to become restraint free. Learn about NAMI California’s new seclusion and restraints policy, and hear first hand experiences involving the use of seclusion and restraints. Find out how you can join in the effort.

Prisons and NAMI California: A Re-entry Partnership

A review of plans to create a re-entry partnership between the California prison system and NAMI California that outreaches to prison families. Target population will be Reception Center EOP (Enhanced Outpatient Program) patients. There will also be a discussion to create a NAMI training program for prison clinicians and staff at centralized locations.

AB 1424 (Historical Course of Illness) Trainings for California Counties Funded by MHSA WET Funds

AB 1424 is a California law that allows the historical course of a person’s mental disorder be considered in all steps of the LPS legal proceedings involving involuntary treatment. This workshop training is to make known and increase the use of the law which became effective January 1, 2002. The goal is to help other California Counties hold AB 1424 trainings similar to those held in Orange County.
NAMI Kern County’s Outspoken Young Minds (OSYM): An Effective Community Outreach Model for Youth and their Families.

NAMI Kern County’s Outspoken Young Minds innovative outreach for youth and family engages the Mental Health, Education and Faith Communities while providing support, education and advocacy. Come learn how this project will expand your affiliate’s visibility while serving this vulnerable and underserved population.

How Medicare Works With Medi-Cal

In this presentation, consumers will learn the difference between Medicare and Medi-Cal programs and how these programs work together. There will be discussion on what Medicare covers and the gaps in coverage. Eligibility requirements for each program will be reviewed.

How Community Advocates Can Successfully Eliminate Housing Discrimination

Many of California local governments are passing ordinances that would restrict or eliminate housing for persons with disabilities. There are laws and resources that can be accessed to assist in this advocacy. The goal of this presentation is to educate advocates regarding: Three of these laws, key strategies local advocates can use to stop their local governments, and resources to support this work.

2009 BOARD NOMINEES

Mark Gale, NAMI San Fernando Valley

Statement of Willingness to Serve:

Our family’s journey is my inspiration to work for real change. I strive to make a positive impact locally as a support group facilitator and current board member of NAMI San Fernando Valley. I have been a member of the NAMI California Board of Directors since 2006 and serve on our Criminal Justice, Executive, Government Affairs, and Finance Committees.

As Chair of the NAMI California Criminal Justice Committee since 2007, I work to develop projects that will create needed resources for our families. In 2003, I co-authored the original “My Family Member Has Been Arrested” guide and developed an Inmate Medication Information form for the Los Angeles Twin Towers Correctional Facility. Our campaign to expand the adaptation of the original “Guide” and “Form” has resulted in implementation in twelve California county jails. I contacted the California Department of Corrections to develop a similar program for our Reception Centers. We now have an Inmate Mental Health Information Form on the North Kern State Prison website, with more to follow. Our Criminal Justice Advisory Pool has been instrumental in developing our Website Project, and we are organizing our workgroups to write guides that will assist our families in navigating the prison and state hospital systems.
In February of 2008 I was honored to be selected as a NAMI California representative on the Judicial Council's Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. The Task Force is looking at issues large and small, procedural and structural. I believe the Task Force will advance the cause for reform of the California court system.

I ask for your vote for a second term to continue the fight against criminalization, stigma, and to support families and consumers whose lives are touched by mental illness.

**Brenda Scott, NAMI Mt. San Jacinto**

**Statement of Willingness to Serve:**

I have a first degree relative who has a mental illness and can understand the burden and stigma that families face. I have had two of my relatives commit suicide because we had a fragmented and ineffective mental health system which failed to meet their needs.

I also carry a diagnosis myself and understand from my own perspective how an individual suffers from stigma in normal day to day life. It has taken time for me to come to terms with being able to share my own experiences due to the stigma that those who carry a diagnosis have to endure daily.

I believe that Recovery is possible and live this in my own life. We have to believe in our loved ones, and have that positive attitude that they will succeed which will help to motivate and inspire them, and heal the scars which have formed based on their own experiences.

As Chair of the Education and Training Committee, our goal is to assist the affiliates who are more rural or have not had our NAMI programs in their area in the past. This is not an easy task with a State as large as ours but we are making positive advances.

I also have experience with a son in the Juvenile Justice system who has not had the treatment he needed and have seen his life changed due to this reality. I am aware of many issues relating to the Criminal Justice system and it is a high priority for me also.

I have enjoyed this opportunity to serve NAMI members in the State of California and have the affiliate's interests at heart. This is a wonderful organization with immense potential and I would like to continue to be a part of that positive change in the future.

**Roberta English, NAMI San Francisco**

**Statement of Willingness to Serve:**

For many years I have advocated for visibility of NAMI. When my adult daughter became ill I had no information to help me understand and support her own distress. Finding NAMI took a while, and then I turned the corner from being stunned and isolated to being an informed, supported and engaged NAMI member. My daughter's journey with her mental illness has been a lesson in courage, she is my hero.
2009 BOARD NOMINEES (cont.)

During the past ten years I have served on an affiliate Board of Directors, served as an In Our Own Voice coordinator and taught NAMI Family to Family. I participate in a mental health court and a highly effective forensic mental health multi-disciplinary team.

Five years ago, my husband, Bill English and I participated in the founding of the San Francisco Bay Area NAMI Walks event. Today with the collaboration of eight NAMI affiliates, we are the third largest NAMI Walk in the United States, bringing visibility to our commitment and raising over $300,000 last year!

I am an advocate for Mental Health courts, CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) trainings for law enforcement personnel, and improving treatment and support for persons in our mental hospitals, jails and prisons. NAMI is a lifeline for their families.

We must be the voice for effective use of MHSA funds and commit to fight the dramatic loss of programs and services in our State. Basic humanity and current knowledge must reform ignorant, outdated LPS laws. We can support the implementation of Laura's Law.

I appreciate your vote. I am eager to serve you as a member of our passionate and hardworking NAMI California Board of Directors.

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OTHER EVENTS

NAMI CALIFORNIA AFFILIATE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Thursday, August 20, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This event is for all of NAMI California’s affiliate officers and leaders. Registration is required for this event. Registration information will be sent to all affiliates.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY FORUM

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This event is for Family-to-Family teachers. Attendees will have a chance to network with others involved in the Family-to-Family program. This event will be hosted by Sharon Dunas, MFT, President, NAMI Westside LA.

NAMI CALIFORNIA EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This meeting is for individuals interested in NAMI California’s educational programs. Share what is going on in your affiliate and to learn from other affiliates throughout the state. This event is hosted by Brenda Scott, First Vice President, NAMI CA Board.
OTHER EVENTS (cont.)

NAMI CALIFORNIA CONSUMER PROGRAM FORUM

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This meeting is for anyone interested in NAMI California’s Consumer Programs, i.e., Connection and Peer-to-Peer. This event will be hosted by Rebecca Hawkins, Peer-To-Peer Coordinator, NAMI California

NAMI CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This meeting is for anyone interested in criminal justice issues involving mentally-ill individuals. This event will be hosted by Mark Gale, Second Vice President, NAMI CA Board

VETERANS FORUM

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This meeting is for family members and consumers interested in Veterans issues. This event will be hosted by Charlie Hearn, Secretary, NAMI California Board.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY (SPANISH) FORUM

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This event is for Family-to-Family teachers. Attendees will have a chance to network with others involved in the Family-to-Family program. This event will be hosted by Jonne Shady, NAMI California Family-to-Family Program Asst.

FACILITATOR SUPPORT GROUP FORUM

Thursday, August 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

This event is for Family-to-Family teachers. This event will be hosted by Lynn Cathy, NAMI California Family-to-Family Program Director

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Saturday, August 22, 2009
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us to present awards to leaders in the mental health community and within NAMI California
NAMI CALIFORNIA VOTING INSTRUCTIONS 2009

Please exercise your right to vote to help us achieve a quorum. Vote by mail or online. Mail-in/Online ballots are particularly necessary as votes by conference attendees alone will fall far short of the quorum required in NAMI California’s bylaws. Please read, and use as a reference the voter information in the newsletter that this ballot came in. The form below is the ballot for eligible voting members.

VOTE BY MAIL

The address label on your conference announcement is a peel off label marked with your Member ID Number and Voter Code. Mark and place your ballot only in the enclosed envelope, detach the peel off label (your mailing label on the conference announcement that this ballot came with) and place it in the upper left hand corner of the enclosed envelope. Your vote will NOT be counted if this label is not in place. You may mail your ballot to the NAMI California office but, TO BE VALID, IT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 4, 2009.

VOTE ONLINE

NAMI California affiliate members may vote online via the web between July 1, 2009 and August 4, 2009. You will need your Member ID and Voter Code that is printed above your name on the address label on your conference announcement. Go to www.namicalifornia.org, click on VOTE 2009, and follow the instructions on the screen. Once you have finished voting, destroy your paper ballot. NAMI California will accept only one ballot from each member.

VOTE AT THE NAMI CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

If you are registered and attending the conference, you may bring YOUR OWN BALLOT to the conference and defer your vote until you have had the opportunity to hear candidate speeches. Before the polls close, you must enclose your ballot with the label applied as noted above and present it in its envelope at the registration booth. There will be no exceptions made to this policy.

BALLOT 2009

VOTE FOR UP TO 3 BOARD CANDIDATES

☐ Roberta English, NAMI Marin
☐ Mark Gaie, NAMI San Fernando Valley
☐ Brenda Scott, NAMI Mt. San Jacinto

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PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES:
The Affiliate Leadership Institute will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2009. Pre-registration required.

CONFEREncE:
Early Registration opens Thursday, August 20 from 9-8:00 PM. Registration opens Friday, August 21 at 8:00 a.m. Conference begins Friday, August 21 at 8:30 a.m. and closes Saturday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m.

CONSUMER FORUM:
The Consumer Leadership Institute will be held on Friday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m. If you are a consumer, and would like to participate in the Consumer Leadership Institute, you must pre-register. See consumer registration below.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
Please make your hotel reservations by calling 888-228-9990 Ask for the specially-negotiated rate of $105 (single, double, triple or quad). This special rate is good from February 9, 2009 thru August 12, 2009. Cut off date for this rate is August 12, 2009. NAMI California cannot guarantee rooms beyond the number that have been reserved in our block, so book now! Hotel directions will be sent with confirmation of registration.

SHUTTLE SERVICE AND PARKING:
Self parking at the hotel is $8 per day.

EXHIBITORS WELCOME:
Exhibitors may rent tables for the NAMI California Annual Conference 2009. For forms and details please contact Catherine Isidro at catherine.isidro@namicalifornia.org or 916-567-0168.

CONSUMER SCHOLARSHIPS:
NAMI California encourages affiliates to offer consumers a scholarship to attend the NAMI California Conference. A limited number of consumer scholarships will be awarded by NAMI California and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Catherine Isidro at catherine.isidro@namicalifornia.org or 916-567-0168 for an application.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS AVAILABLE

NAMI CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009 REGISTRATION FORM
Register Today to Get the Early Bird Rate!

Copy this form and use one for each individual registration (please print clearly)

REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDING MEAL(S)

Early Bird Special
Paid by July 10, 2009
2-Day: $180/person
1-Day: $155/person

Paid after July 10, 2009:
2-Day: $185/person
1-Day: $190/person

On-Site Registration (No meal guarantee):
2-Day: $195/person
1-Day: $190/person

Consumer Registration:
2-Day: $115/person
1-Day: $115/person
I will attend the Consumer Leadership Institute
I will not attend the Consumer Leadership Institute

Cut-off Day: Deadline for receiving registrations in our office is the 12th of August.

Cancellation Policy: A $35 cancellation fee to cover operating expenses will be charged to those who register, but cannot attend. To cancel, you must notify the NAMI California office in writing no later than July 17, 2009. No refunds will be made after this date.

Returned check Policy: A processing fee of $30 will be assessed for any returned checks due to insufficient funds.

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________
Phone: ____________________________ Email: __________________________
NAMI Affiliate: ____________________

MEALS:
Friday lunch will be on your own.

Friday Dinner: [ ] Chicken  [ ] Fish  [ ] Vegetarian
Saturday Lunch: [ ] Chicken  [ ] Fish  [ ] Vegetarian

NAMI California Conference Consumer Scholarship Donation: $__________

PAYMENT (Zip Code must be provided above for all credit card payments):
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Please Open Immediately and VOTE!

Conference & Voting Information Enclosed

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 22, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the members of NAMI California will start on Saturday, August 22, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Torrance Marriott South Bay, 3635 Fashion Way Torrance, California 90503.

The NAMI California office must have received member dues for the year 2009 by April 15, 2009 to be eligible to vote at this meeting.

If a ballot is NOT enclosed in this material, you are NOT eligible to vote.