Voice Awards Wednesday, August 13 at UCLA
Tickets Are Free

2014 VOICE AWARDS:
Wednesday, August 13
@ Royce Hall, UCLA
340 Royce Drive, Los Angeles

The Voice Awards program honors consumer/peer leaders in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders who have played a vital role in raising awareness and understanding of behavioral health problems.

The awards also recognize television and film writers and producers who have given a voice to people with behavioral health problems by incorporating dignified, respectful, and accurate portrayals of these individuals into their scripts, programs, and productions.
NAMI California Programs News

EDUCATION TRAINING:

Please watch for all NAMI California education programs trainings for fiscal year 2014-2015 to be posted soon in this Weekly News Report.

See also Family Programs blog for updates, news etc. http://namifamily.blogspot.com

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NAMI Supported Bill Advances, Awaits Governor's Signature
Insurers Violating Mental Health Parity Laws Face New Penalties

Health insurers that defy mental health parity laws will be subject to fines of up to $2,500 a day by the Department of Insurance under a bill introduced by Sen. Jim Beall that was approved Monday by the Legislature. Senate Bill 1046 now advances to the Governor's desk.

"The benefits of mental health parity will be hollow unless we act to enforce it," said Beall, who chairs the Senate Mental Health Caucus. "SB 1046 puts consumers' rights, first. It puts health insurers on the alert that they must live up to the law or face fines."

NAMI California supported Senator Beall's bill with published support position papers and testimony from NAMI California staff and our Capitol Coalition advocacy team.

The bill brings uniformity to California's laws by remedying a disparity in penalty authority between the Department of Insurance, which regulates self-employer and individual insurance plans, and the Department of Managed Health Care, which regulates health plans.

Read the press release from Senator Beall's office HERE

OSHPD Seeks Members for WET Advisory Committee

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is soliciting applications for individuals to serve on the Statewide Mental
Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) Advisory Committee. This Committee will be comprised of experts and stakeholders in the California Community Public Mental Health System to advise OSHPD on all aspects related to statewide mental health workforce education and training activities.

The commitment for the Statewide MHSA WET Advisory Committee members will be for two years until August 2016. For a complete list of roles and responsibilities for selected committee members please go to the following link: MHSA WET Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please submit an application and resume for consideration to serve on the Statewide MHSA WET Advisory Committee to OSHPD.MHSAWET@oshpd.ca.gov by August 18, 2014. The application can be found under the "Advisory Committee" tab under the "WET Advisory Committee" section in the following LINK

If you have any questions on the MHSA WET Advisory Committee or the application form, please contact Brent Houser at (916) 326-3702 or at OSHPD.MHSAWET@oshpd.ca.gov.

MHSOAC Releases Important Updates

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) release updated contact lists, County documents and Meeting Schedule and agendas.

Of particular interest is a current version of contact data for County MHSA Coordinators and Count Mental Health Directors.

The following updates have been made to the MHSOAC website:

Mental Health Contact Lists:

1. An updated contact list for County MHSA Coordinators has been posted to the website and is available HERE
2. An updated contact list for County Mental Health Directors has been posted to the website and is available HERE
3. County Documents: County Participation in MHSOAC-Sponsored State Evaluation Projects: The document, "Status of County Data Submissions in MHSOAC Statewide Evaluation Activities" has been posted to the website and is available HERE
4. Meetings: The Commission Meeting Schedule for 2014 has been
revised* and is posted to the website at:
http://www.mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/docs/Meetings/2014_MeetingSchedule.pdf

The previously scheduled teleconference meeting for August 28, 2014 will now be held in Sacramento as an in-person meeting.

How Has Prop 63 changed Your life?

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) is producing a commemorative book entitled, The Prop 63 Story, showcasing individual stories of hope and recovery. If you or a loved one has benefited from Prop 63-funded mental health services, we want to hear your story! Consumers in recovery, family members, peers, and the mental health community at large are encouraged to participate. The book will be available online and in print by December 2014.

Please submit a photograph of yourself (a "selfie") and a short story of your recovery, wellness, or personal triumph as related to mental health to be considered for inclusion in The Prop 63 Story.

Note: All submissions must include a signed consent form.
For further information please refer to Flyer with Submission and Consent Form HERE

Deadline to Submit: October 31, 2014

NAMI California Seeks Hosting Affiliates for Regional Meetings

NAMI California is in the process of strategic planning for our Regional
Meeting schedule 2014-2015. We travel throughout the state each year, going to six locations from September '14 to June '15. We would like to hear from our affiliates as to whether they would consider hosting a Regional Meeting during the coming fiscal year.

**What is a NAMI California Regional Meeting?**

The NAMI Regional Meetings are an effort we make, with the support of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and the County Mental Health Directors Association, to train affiliate members in advocacy and facilitate county provider cooperation. These meetings have two parts: first, a NAMI Smarts for Advocacy Training for affiliate members and county partners who are interested, second, a panel presentation from county mental health departments, followed by a facilitated discussion between counties and NAMI affiliates.

The morning session trains NAMI affiliate members and other interested parties in "Telling Your Story". "Telling Your Story" guides the participant through writing and delivering a concise and compelling version of their story that will serve as the springboard for advocacy.

This is followed by a panel presentation from your county mental health personnel on the success and challenges of service delivery under the MHSA. Counties are offered the opportunity to share the opportunities and challenges for mental health services in their areas, and how NAMI affiliates and NAMI California can contribute. The panel discussion is moderated by Bettie Reinhardt, Affiliate Development Consultant for NAMI California.

This panel is followed by a facilitated discussion between county representatives and NAMI affiliates. Together they address what needs are being met, what needs are not being met, and how they both can collaborate. These sessions are vital for building relationships and enhancing communication.

**What would we have to do as host?**

As a host, you would be expected to assist with the following:

- Secure space for up to 60 people to participate in a classroom setting.
- Outreach to your affiliate members to take part in the NAMI Smarts Training.
• Outreach to other area NAMI affiliates to encourage their members to attend
• Outreach to your own county mental health department to participate in the meeting.
• Work closely with NAMI California on technical and logistic issues to make the event as successful as possible.

NAMI California would provide lunch and all training materials. Your affiliate can bill for breakfast, beverages and snacks for the meeting.

If you would like to be considered as a host for an upcoming NAMI California Regional Meeting in your area, please reply to david@namica.org. Please include the best time to hold the meeting and any questions you might have. Send your reply by August 30.

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