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Dates: August 1st and 2nd
Place: Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa

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Speakers include:
- Mariel Hemingway, Actress, Author and Mental Health Advocate
- Gina Kaye Calhoun, National Director for the Copeland Center
- Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, M.D., PhD. Professor of Internal Medicine and founding Director of the UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities
- Mark Refowitz, Director of Orange County Health Care Agency
- Judge Perez, Superior Court of California, Orange County
Please click here for a direct link to sign up.

Attention NAMI California Affiliate Members: Your Chance to Vote - Last Week!
Please vote today for your Board of Directors for NAMI California!

NAMI California affiliate members may vote online via the web between June 11, 2014 and 5 pm on July 21, 2014.

Click this link to make your vote count!


Upcoming Changes to NAMI California Website Address and Staff Emails

Beginning on July 17th, NAMI California will have the shorter website address of namica.org rather than namicalifornia.org and team member email addresses will change from firstnamelastname@namicalifornia.org to firstname@namica.org.

As more people use their phones to access the web, less typing on their smaller phone keyboards is a good thing, so we look forward to this change. If you have any questions, feel free to contact a NAMI California team member.
Congratulations to NAMI Santa Clara who will be receiving the NAMI Family-to-Family Leadership Award from NAMI National!

They will be receiving the award during the National conference in September.

This announcement was received by NAMI National:

NAMI National is pleased to announce that stipends are available for active Multicultural Networking Group members to cover some of the expenses associated with attending the 2014 NAMI National Convention in Washington, D.C. (September 3-6).

Stipends will be awarded up to $550 to cover a portion of qualifying expenses, including the registration fee, airfare and/or hotel. Awarded amount will be reimbursed up to upon submission of original receipts of qualifying expenses after the convention.

To be eligible for this stipend, a completed application (see attachment) and letter/ email of recommendation must be received by July 18, 2014.

Registration and suggested hotel and flight information can be found at www.nami.org/convention.

For questions and additional information, please
contact us at macenter@nami.org.

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

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NAMI Can!

California State Assembly Passes NAMI California Authored Resolution Establishing July as Bebe Moore Campbell Minority Mental Health Month - Raising Awareness of Communities of Color.

On July 3rd, the California State Assembly passed the NAMI California sponsored resolution recognizing July as Bebe Moore Campbell Minority Mental Health Month. Following the 2008 proclamation from the United States
House of Representatives, National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month was created to raise awareness about severe mental illness in diverse communities of color, while highlighting avenues for wellness and recovery.

The legislation, ACR 163, authored by California State Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, recognizes July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in State of California. Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas is the Chair of the newly established Assembly Select Committee on Mental and Behavioral Health.

Rising in support of the resolution on the Assembly floor were distinguished Assembly members V. Manuel Perez, Majority Leader; Dr. Richard Pan, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee; Steven Bradford, Chair of the Select Committee on the Status Boys and Men of Color; Bonnie Lowenthal, Commissioner on the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission; Mariko Yamada, Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on State Hospitals; and Rob Bonta, speaking on behalf of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus.

Watch the video of the floor discussion HERE:

**About Bebe Moore Campbell**

In addition to being an accomplished author, Ms. Campbell was a founding member of NAMI Urban LA and an advocate for the mentally ill. In 2003 she received NAMI's Outstanding Media Award for Literature for the book, "Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry", written especially for children, about a young girl who learns how to cope with her mother's bipolar illness. In 2005, her novel "72-Hour Hold" focused on an adult daughter and a family's experience with the onset of mental illness.

"Stigma is one of the main reasons why people with mental health problems don't seek treatment or take their medication," Campbell said. "People of color, particularly African Americans, feel the stigma more keenly."