



# NAMI

# Kenosha

**National Alliance on Mental Illness**

**A newsletter for those interested in Promoting the well being of individuals and families affected by Mental Illness**

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## Co-President's Corner

With spring just around the corner, so many local events are planned for Kenosha with regards to mental health and mental illness awareness. But let's recap the last few months with the activities and volunteers that made them happen.

On December 6, 2014 we held the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party at Reuther High School gymnasium. There were 130 people in attendance and many helping hands in the kitchen. We also thank the Lioness Choirsters for providing the festive entertainment and the Police Department Explorer Post #2125 for their help in setting up the gym. Many thanks to the 38 volunteers whose combined efforts made this a special event possible for people living with mental illness with special thanks to Andy Moore, Paul Wamboldt, and Juliana Grubb of the Reuther Staff.

Congratulations to Sgt. John Rohde who retired from the Kenosha Police Dept on Dec 31, 2014 after 33 years of service. John has championed the CIT/CIP effort in Kenosha. Also Dianne Gedgaudas has stepped down from the NAMI board after many, many years of service. THANK YOU!!

Two Family 2 Family Signature NAMI Programs are taking place simultaneously through the end of March. One is being taught by Dick Guenther, Lisa Zanin and Carole Serpe at the Job Center on South Sheridan Road. The second one is taught by Christy DeMars and Janet Deleo for county residents at the County Building on the corner of Highways 50 and 45. A combined enrollment of thirty-two students are participating in these two classes.

Dick Guenther has been involved in behind-the-scenes work involving several time consuming, but necessary tasks. He has spearheaded the local NAMI website transition, worked on the writing of the updated bylaws, helped in the re-affiliation efforts as required by NAMI National and provided an annual budget for our organization. Way to go, Dick!

Youth presentations at several different local high schools have begun. Harborside (90 students) and Tremper (185 students) have had presentations about "Ending the Silence" and busting the stigma of mental illness. Thanks to Adalia Schurowsky and Lisa Zanin.

On January 26, 2015 approximately thirty

people gathered at Wilson School for an educational parenting event. Angela Martin (KHDS) was the key note speaker and she talked about: "A Better Toolkit for Parents." Other professionals including, Denise Derrine, Dr. Synderman and Lisa Zanin were on the panel to answer questions after Angela's presentation. This event was co-sponsored by KUSD, KHDS, CUSH and NAMI. An outreach program spun off from this event which is a 4 week course for parents at Wilson hosted by Angela. Thank you to all of the efforts of these organizations.

The Susan B. Anthony Grant was awarded to NAMI Kenosha for continuing our efforts for youth programming.

Adalia and Dan Guenther are continuing to give IOOV presentations at Columbus House. Thanks to Adalia's leadership there were 23 IOOV presentations given last year with 447 individuals in attendance.

Our annual meeting was held on February 26, 2015 at St. Paul's Church following our support group meeting. Jack reviewed the events of the year, Dick reviewed the annual budget and then the members voted on officers for the coming year. Finally we discussed and accepted the new by-laws for NAMI Kenosha. Twenty members attended.

### The new officers of the board are:

Lisa Zanin and Jack Rose	Co-Presidents
Brad Cramlet and Dick Guenther	Co-Treasurers
Officer Kelly Horvath	Secretary

### Members at Large

Mike and Janet Deleo  
Walter Stern  
John Rhode  
Marie Patty  
Adalia Schurowsky  
Steve Solms  
Officer Jeff Wamboldt

NAMI Kenosha in conjunction with Kenosha County Human Services was awarded a \$47,106 Department of Justice for our CIT/CIP program. This will allow overtime/backfill to be paid to the law enforcement officers who attend the 5 day CIT course on June 8-12, 2015. The 2 day CIP course is scheduled for May 5-6 and November 10-11. This is truly a collaborative program

between Gateway Technical College, Kenosha Police Dept, Kenosha Sheriffs' Dept, Kenosha County Human Services, and NAMI Kenosha. Registration information will be out ASAP.

May 20, 2015 will be the annual Bridges/ NAMI Mental Health Awareness Vigil at Civic Park with a reception preceding the event at Bridges Community Center starting at 5 PM with the vigil at 6 PM. Our annual awards will be presented.

Mark your calendars! Wednesday May 27, 2015 will be "NAMI Kenosha Night" at second game of the season for the Kenosha Kingfish. A great opportunity for NAMI Kenosha: 50/50 raffle, 3 PA announcements, a NAMI booth, and our own Jim Truchan (aka Luis Tiant) will be throwing out the first pitch. More detail to follow as game day approaches. It will be "Dream Playground Night" on opening day Tuesday May 26, 2015.

NAMI Kenosha will be joining forces with Bridges Community Center for our annual picnic coming up in June on Simmons Island. Last year's event was fantastic with 120 folks attending. Once again residents of the Dayton Hotel will be our guests.

Once again we will have a NAMI Kenosha Walking Team participate in the NAMI Greater Milwaukee Walk (3 miles) coming up on Saturday May 16 at Veteran's Park on the Milwaukee lakefront.

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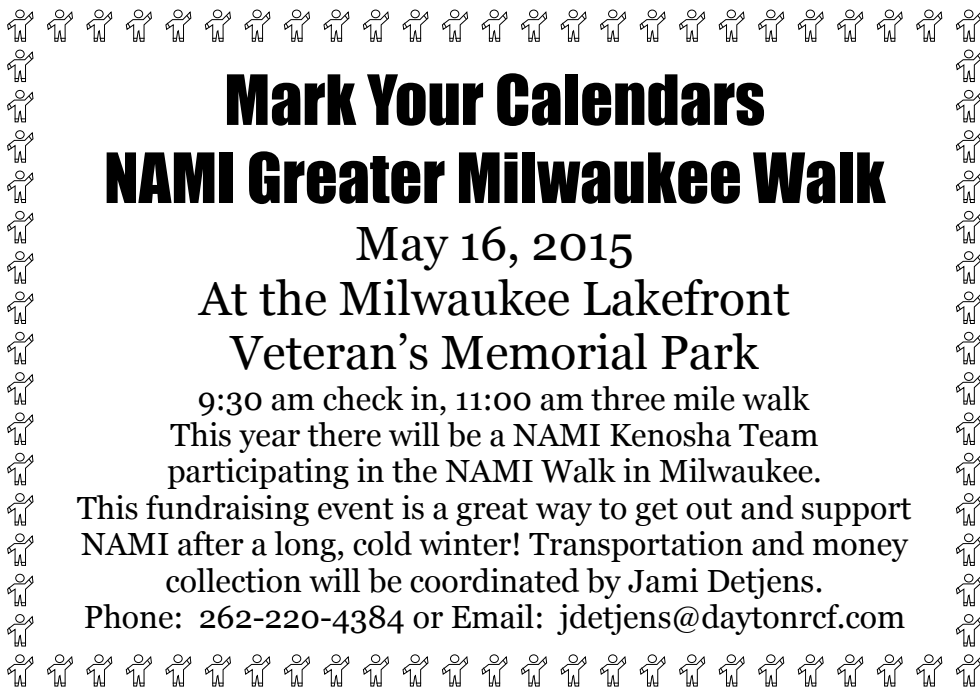
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**Mark Your Calendars  
NAMI Greater Milwaukee Walk**

May 16, 2015

At the Milwaukee Lakefront  
Veteran's Memorial Park

9:30 am check in, 11:00 am three mile walk

This year there will be a NAMI Kenosha Team participating in the NAMI Walk in Milwaukee.

This fundraising event is a great way to get out and support NAMI after a long, cold winter! Transportation and money collection will be coordinated by Jami Detjens.

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**Save the Date!**

**NAMI Kenosha Night**

**Kenosha Kingfish at Simmons Field**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**All NAMI members can come out and support your local baseball team as well as your local NAMI affiliate. Receive your own Kingfish cap!!**

**Tickets at the door.**

**Amazon Donations**

Nami Kenosha is currently enrolled in the Amazon.com Smile program. It is an easy way to get donations from Amazon. You need to sign up for the AmazonSmile.com program and designate NAMI Kenosha as your preferred charity. Whenever you order anything on -line from Amazon, simply start at AmazonSmile.com and NAMI Kenosha will get 1/2 of 1% of the cost of the total order donated to NAMI Kenosha. It doesn't add anything to the cost of your order but NAMI Kenosha gets a monthly rebate based on the orders they receive.

**Membership Renewal**

Please check your mailing label to determine when your membership is up for renewal. In order to renew just use the blank form in the newsletter and mail to NAMI Kenosha P.O. Box 631 Kenosha, WI 53141.



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## Impact of Governor's Proposed Budget on Mental Health

### Badger Care (Medicaid) for Childless Adults

We estimate that at least 500 low income persons in Kenosha County with mental illness are enrolled in Badger Care for Childless Adults. Their medical coverage has provided them with access to physician, dental and other medical care and has saved the county close to \$2million in pharmacy, prescription and hospital costs. The Governor's budget would:

- Limit eligibility to no more than 48 months.
- Impose monthly premiums
- Require drug screening *Subject to federal waiver approval*

### Family Care/IRIS

Many people who have a disability or infirmities of aging, along with mental illness, are enrolled in Family Care, IRIS or to a much lesser extent, Partnership.

- The Governor's budget allows the state to contract with a statewide organization, likely an insurance company, that would Family Care as a model that includes primary and acute care. It would be similar to the current Partnership Program, in which few people choose to enroll. Consumers may prefer to go without needed care, if their psychiatrist or medical doctor are not in the insurance company's network or they may not receive the level of care they receive now.
- IRIS, a popular self-directed alternative to Family Care, particularly among parents of adults with severe disabilities, would be eliminated. This could result in disruption of routines that have helped to stabilize the care of persons with severe disabilities.
- If a large insurance company is running Family Care there may not be incentive to expedite individuals' transition from mental health institutes to the community, potentially increasing counties' costs.

### Other Provisions Affecting Mental Health Services

- Several mental health programs would be moved to Community Aids. The budget language so far would require that those dollars remain at the same level. It appears that Community Aids dollars are reduced but it is not clear what that affects.
- Expands Medicaid coverage to residential (non-hospital) based substance abuse treatment services.

### ADRCs

If Aging and Disability Resource Centers, per the Governor's budget are parceled out to statewide for-profit entities, Kenosha



## 2015 NAMI Wisconsin Annual Conference

April 24 & 25  
Madison Marriot West  
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive  
Middleton WI, 53562

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The mailing label should include the expiration date for your membership. If you haven't been receiving the state or national publications please let us know. The national publication is sent four times a year and the state mailing are bi-monthly.



### NAMI Membership...

I am interested in an Annual Membership

\$35.00 per Family     \$35.00 per Individual     \$3.00 per Consumer

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to NAMI, Kenosha County

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