

Mission:

To improve the quality of life for families and individuals impacted by mental health disorders through education, support, advocacy and stigma reduction.

Activities to promote our mission:

- Provide education for families, individuals, consumers, providers, students, community organizations and the local community at large
- Provide individual and group support for those impacted by mental health issues
- Act as a referral source into the mental health system of care
- Advocate for an excellent system of care for persons with mental health disorders
- Advocate when appropriate for individuals and families impacted by mental illness
- Provide regular communication to educate and inform the community about NAMI Lake County activities and important events impacting mental health
- Participate in and sponsor/host local community events that promote mental health awareness, decrease stigma and generate funds to support NAMI programs and activities

Purpose:

The overall purpose of serving as a Board Member on the NAMI Lake County Board is for:

- Governance
- Establishing policy
- Providing fiscal oversight
- Planning for the future
- Ensuring adequate funding for NAMI programming in addition to funds provided for running the day-to-day business.

Requirements:

Board Members are required to attend our monthly business meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Each board member is assigned to or invited to sit on one standing committee and may be asked to serve on other advisory or ad hoc committees. All board members must be a member of NAMI and are responsible for renewing their NAMI membership dues on an annual basis.

Terms of Office:

The terms of office shall be two (2) years. Directors must be reelected at the annual meeting following their two (2) year term to remain a member of the Board of Directors. These terms will be staggered to allow for continuity and organizational memory. No board member may serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms. An individual can rejoin the board after 1-year break.

Board Member Application Process:

Candidates must submit a written application to:

One Victoria Square, Suite 315

Painesville, Ohio 44077

Attn: Katie Jenkins, Executive Director

Or fax: (440)639-8116

Process:

All applications will be submitted to the Executive Director. Applicants are interviewed by members of the Board and recommended to the Full Board for appointment. We request that all applicants attend at least 1 meeting prior to a vote by the full board for appointment.

NAMI Lake County, OH Board of Directors Application

Please respond to all questions on the application as legibly and comprehensively as possible. Feel free to attach additional pages, if needed. All information will remain confidential and not be shared outside this affiliate.

Date of application: _____ Date received: _____ *(office use only)*

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Current Employer

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Primary service/population served:

Please list boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on:
(business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, and social)

Organization:	Role/Title	Dates of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Education/Training/Certificates/Degrees

Have you received any awards or honors that you'd like to mention?

How did you first become aware of NAMI and/or NAMI Lake County?

Have you attended any NAMI Education Programs, such as Family to Family, H2H, and Peer to Peer?

Why do you wish to serve as a NAMI Lake County Board Member?

What talents, interests, strengths, and experiences do you have that you feel qualify you to serve and contribute?

Skills, Experience and Interests: (check all that apply)

Finance/Accounting	Personnel/HR	Administration
Non-Profit	Community service	Policy Development
Program Evaluation	Public Relations	Education/Instruction
Special Events	Grant writing	Fundraising
Information Technology	Website/Maintenance	Website Design
Grants/Revenue Enhancement	Other	Other

Are you related, whether by blood or marriage, or otherwise closely associated with anyone on the NAMI Lake County Board of Directors? YES NO **If yes, please explain:**

Is there anything from a legal or personal perspective (ex: conflicts of interest, felony convictions, etc.) that should be considered as part of your application to become a member of the NAMI Lake County Board of Directors? YES NO **If yes, please explain:**

Additional Comments: