

**ANDREA KOLBE, Bennington, VT (3-year term)**

Andrea Kolbe graduated from Johnson State College with a bachelor's degree in General Studies and a Minor in Psychology/Education. She was a Substitute Teacher for Southwestern Supervisory Union for over eight years. She has been a Connection Support Group facilitator for a decade and has served as the Peer Leadership Council Chair for five years. She was nominated to serve as the representative for the Peer Leadership Council on the NAMI Vermont Board of Directors. Andrea was appointed to serve a vacant position on the Board in FY2020. She participates in the NAMI national Peer Leadership Council as well as the NAMI Vermont Advocacy Committee. In 2018 she received the NAMI Vermont Darlene Manning Inspiration Award that recognizes an individual whose kind, compassionate, and understanding ways have helped to inspire others on their pathway to recovery. Andrea has been a Community Rehabilitation Treatment (CRT) United Counseling Services (UCS) Advisory Board Member for over a decade as well as a grant writer for UCS. She is on the Consumer Advisory Committee for UCS. Andrea has served as a Peer Warm Line operator that was in operation for 10 years. In addition, she is a past secretary and a current board member of her synagogue where she has taught Jewish studies. She co-founded and has been a co-facilitator of the Vermont Psychiatric Survivors Peer Support Group in Bennington for over 10 years. She is re-engaging participants at Bennington Project Independence with a NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group. She enjoys the outdoors, arts and music, and several television shows as well as live performances.

**MICHAEL MORAN, Williston, VT (3-year term)**

I was born in Mississippi, but I grew up as one of five siblings traveling the country and Japan as the son of an Air Force officer. We eventually settled in Connecticut when my father retired. There I attended HS, met and married Sara my high school sweetheart, and received a degree in Business and Economics. We have been blessed with two sons and two granddaughters. Later after moving to Vermont, I earned a master's degree in Internet Engineering from Marlboro College.

I am a veteran, and a successful Management Consulting business owner with over 35 years in Management and Leadership roles in multiple sectors including Healthcare, Insurance and Pension Funds, Defense Contractors, Public Electric Utilities, Manufacturing, and Retail Sales. My background includes planning and managing high impact, high risk, high stress, multi-year Projects with budgets of up to \$250M, project teams of up to 300 people, and impacting organizations of up to 6,000 employees. My wife and I also have owned and operated a family retail gift store. I have recently retired and am a resident of Williston where I have been a member of the Williston Federated Church for 20 years.

In 2018/2019 I served as the Town Constable for Williston. I am currently serving as Chair of Williston Federated Church Security and Safety Committee and a member of the WFC Finance Committee. I was the Lead in applying for and being awarded a 2019 Homeland Security Grant for \$29k to support security related improvements to the WFC Facilities. I am currently managing the capital improvements projects associated with this grant.

While in HS my son developed an anxiety disorder and OCD. It was while Sara and I were looking for information about how to support him with his illness that we learned about and attended the NAMI Family to Family program. Since then my wife Sara has supported NAMI in multiple roles and as result I have come to appreciate how important and valued NAMI is as a resource within the community.

I was appointed to serve on the NAMI Vermont board of directors in 2020 and participate on the NAMI Vermont Finance Committee. I look forward to continuing to support the vital mission of the NAMI Vermont organization.