

October 1, 2020

Dear NAMI Vermont Member,

NAMI Vermont's Annual Business Meeting will be held on November 7th via Zoom this year, an online platform that will give all members an opportunity to participate in the Meeting – members will also have the option to call in. We will have a meet and greet at 9:30 am and start the meeting promptly at 10:00 am - ending at 1:00 pm. We are very pleased to welcome NAMI's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ken Duckworth as our keynote speaker who will inform us about the Latest Research and Coping Strategies during the Pandemic.

Voting for the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and proposed amendments to the bylaws will be done through a secure online method before and during the meeting. If we have your email address, you can expect to receive an email in the next few days with a form to complete to vote on these two matters should you not be able to attend the Zoom meeting on 11/7/2020. You may also mail in a paper ballot (enclosed), if that is your preference.

At the meeting, members will vote on the slate of candidates and proposed amendments to the bylaws, hear about the amazing work and dedication of our volunteers. We will also recognize the achievements of our gold star volunteers! Everyone in attendance will participate in a strategic planning discussion to advise and guide NAMI Vermont's direction and decision-making going forward. Lastly, Staff will provide an overview of the past year's activities as well as program updates, and our committee chairs will recap their work. The Annual Report will be available to download.

Pre-registration is required to receive the Zoom link to attend online or by phone. Please go to www.namivt.org/annual-business-meeting/ to register online or call us and leave a message at **802-876-7949 x100**.

We have enclosed the following:

- NAMI Vermont Annual Business Meeting Agenda;
- Minutes from last year's Annual Business Meeting;
- NAMI Vermont Board of Directors' Slate of Candidates - 2021;
- Candidate Ballot which you can complete and return to NAMI Vermont if that is your preference; and
- Proposed amendments to NAMI Vermont Bylaws.

We look forward to seeing you from a safe distance at the Annual Business Meeting!

Respectfully Yours,



Laurie Emerson, Executive Director

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