

TO: NAMI California Affiliate Presidents and Executive Directors

RE: NAMI California Annual Award Nominations

The 2016 Annual Conference Committee invites you to submit nominations for awards to be announced and presented at our 2016 Annual Conference, scheduled for August 26 & 27, 2016 in Burlingame, California at the San Francisco Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

The NAMI California Board of Directors will make the final decisions on award winners in May and notifications will be sent out to both the award winners and those that nominated them, no later than the beginning of June. We urge you to share this information with your staff and affiliate volunteers, community leaders, as well as your members.

Included with this letter are three attachments:

- A list of awards to be presented and a brief description of each. Also included is a list of winners for each award for the last three years.
- An award nomination form. Please fill out this form completely so that, for evaluation purposes, we have the same information on all award nominees. **Only nominations submitted on this form will be considered.** You may attach *one* page of additional information to this form. Please *do not* attach curriculum vitae, brochures, or lengthy printed documents to the nomination form; they will not be reviewed during the selection process.
- An award nomination form for the Recognition Award which is given to a NAMI Affiliate for excellence in advancing consumer participation and leadership in their area.

**Award nominations must be completed and submitted by  
April 29, 2016.**

Please do not hesitate to contact NAMI California on (916) 567-0163 or email us on [conference@namica.org](mailto:conference@namica.org) with any questions. Completed nomination forms should be sent to:

NAMI California.  
ATTN: Award Nominations  
1851 Heritage Lane, Suite 150  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**Thank you for your participation in this important aspect of our conference!**

## **NAMI California Annual Conference Awards**

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### **Don & Peggy Richardson Memorial Award**

*For distinguished service to persons afflicted with serious mental illness*

2015 – May Farr  
2014 - Bettie Reinhardt  
2013 - Sharon Dunas, MFT  
2012 - Dr. Ralph and Denise Nelson

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### **Outstanding Clergy Award**

*In appreciation of devoted and compassionate service to those with mental illness and their families*

2015 – Kent Peters  
2014 - Pastor Rick & Kay Warren of Saddleback Church  
2012 - Luida Johnson and Ramona Woods  
2011 - Gunnar Christiansen

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### **Outstanding Peer Award**

*For excellence in advocacy and support of recovery*

2015 – Maricela Estrada  
2014 - Robert Villanueva  
2013 - Abu Rahim  
2012 - Debbie Zomparelli and Danny Gibbs

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### **Family-to-Family Award**

*For excellence in leadership with the NAMI Family-to-Family programs*

2015 - Joe W. Rose  
2014 - Joe & Madeline Johnson  
2012 - Joyce Plis  
2011 - Nancy Smith

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### **Media Award**

*For excellence in reporting on serious mental illness*

2015 - California Health Line Daily Digest /Dr. Sandra Hernandez  
2014 - California's Broadcasters Association  
2013 - Cristina Mendoza

2010 - Katie Cadigan & Laura Murray

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## **NAMI California Annual Conference Awards - *continued***

### **Outstanding Criminal Justice Advocate Award**

*For exemplary time and effort in advocating for accepted best practices that have resulted in the decriminalization of persons with serious mental illness*

2015 - Kathy Ellis  
2014 - Mark Gale  
2013 - Jim Fix, Psy.D  
2012 - Anita Fisher

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### **Outstanding Criminal Justice Professional Award**

*For a criminal justice professional who has advocated for and has been an integral part in implementing accepted best practices that has resulted in decriminalization of persons with serious mental illness*

2015 - Commissioner Joe Farrow  
2014 - Judge Stephen Manley  
2013 - Jean Farley  
2012 - Linda Boyd and Barry Perrou

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### **Veteran's Award**

*For outstanding service and innovative program development for veterans and their families*

2014 - Mathew Jensen  
2013 - Doug Stephens  
2011 - Teresa Bullock

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### **Recovery Practitioner Award**

*For the clinical staff person who consistently initiates, promotes and reinforces recovery principles within their practice, county and sphere of influence.*

2014 - Supervisor Shirlee Zane  
2013 - Dr. Mark Ragins  
2012 - Dr. Clayton Chau

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### **Zero Tolerance of Seclusion and Restraints Award**

*For a facility that has done outstanding work toward initiation and implementation of zero seclusion and restraints practices*

2014 - John George Psychiatric Hospital  
2011 - Guy Qvistgaard

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**Outstanding Youth Advocate Award**

*For excellence in serving as an advocate that has both provided support & further advocacy for youth experiencing serious mental illness*

2014 - Troy Mondragon  
- Ellen Frudakis

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**Outstanding Mental Health Director Award**

*For excellence in establishing goals to better support & treat those living with a mental illness in their County*

2015 – Mike Kennedy  
2014 - Alfredo Aguirre

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**Outstanding Treatment Provider Award**

*For providing exemplary treatment & care to those suffering from severe mental illness*

2015 - El Camino Hospital  
2014 - John George Psychiatric Hospital

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**Multicultural Outreach Excellence Award**

*For outstanding achievements in community engagement & cultural inclusion*

2015 - NAMI Alameda County South  
2014 - NAMI Orange County

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**2016 Annual Conference Award Nomination Form**

NAME OF AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AFFILIATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOMINEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE STATE THE PRIMARY REASON THIS PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD RECEIVE  
THIS AWARD - **100 WORDS OR LESS:**

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HAS THE NOMINEE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY ANOTHER NATIONAL OR STATE  
ORGANIZATION? IF SO, BY WHOM AND WHEN?

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                     Sacramento, Ca 95815  
                     Fax (916) 567-1757  
                     [conference@namica.org](mailto:conference@namica.org)

**2016 Annual Conference Affiliate Recognition Award Nomination**

*For excellence in advancing consumer participation and leadership by an affiliate*

NAME OF AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AFFILIATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOMINEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE LIST SPECIFIC STEPS TAKEN TO INCREASE CONSUMER PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP EFFORTS:

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ADVOCACY EFFORTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH: \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP INCREASED IN 2013/2014? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED/OTHER COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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