

An Open Message from the NAMI Yolo County Board

The NAMI Yolo County Board of Directors (BOD) carefully oversees the NAMI Yolo County Mission and Vision to build better lives for all who are affected by mental illness. The Board is in the process of leading the organization through an important transition period of change and growth.

During the past three years the BOD hired a part time Administrative Assistant, then in the fall of 2018, a part time Program Director was hired. We now have a full-time Program Director and are in the process of hiring additional staff. This is an exciting and challenging time as the Board moves from one of managing all of our programs, to one of working with staff to solidify operation procedures and develop policy.

We are currently 1) recruiting board members to fill positions of outgoing Directors. Additionally, we are 2) seeking members, who are not on the BOD, to participate in the planning and oversight of the organizations operations and programs as key volunteers on our Board Committees. Committees meet 2-4 times a year. We are currently recruiting members to serve on Committees: a) Fiscal, b) Program, c) Membership/Volunteer, and d) Advocacy.

The goal of NAMI Yolo County is to recruit qualified leaders who represent the wide diversity of individuals representing the lived experience of mental illness. The following areas of skill and experience are most needed at this time to assist the NAMI Yolo County Board in realizing the vision and growth trajectory of the organization:

- Fund Raising and Donor Cultivation
- Program planning and evaluation
- County Board Member and volunteer recruitment and development
- Advocacy experience and knowledge of mental health needs and services in Yolo County

The NAMI Yolo is seeking highly qualified leaders from all backgrounds and experiences to serve. See below for the requirements/expectations of a NAMI Yolo Board Director. If you, or someone you know is interested in serving on the BOD or on one of the committees please contact friends@namiyolo.org and a Board member will contact you with more information.

Service on the NAMI Yolo Board of Directors

Although it is an honor to be on the Board of Directors (BOD) of NAMI Yolo, there are no honorary positions! As NAMI Yolo County Board Director you are a steward of NAMI.

Being a Board Member requires a time commitment, beyond attending meetings. The board's job is to help secure the organization's future by providing strategic planning, setting goals, objectives and developing action plans to fulfill the Vision and Mission of NAMI Yolo County. The board is to insure the financial viability of the organization. The NAMI Yolo County BOD sets goals, objectives and develops action plans for the organization.

It is the responsibility of the NAMI Yolo County Board to:

- Maintain operating policies and procedures that are consistent with the NAMI Standards of Excellence.
- Protect the fiduciary health of the organization.
- Adhere to the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of a non-profit board.
- Advocate for the Values and Mission of NAMI Yolo County.

Board Members are expected to:

- Maintain active NAMI Yolo County membership.
- Serve a two- or three-year term, with the opportunity to serve two consecutive terms if re-elected
- Make a significant financial contribution to NAMI on an annual basis.
- Attend all scheduled meetings of the board.
- Review all reports, financial statements etc. prior to board meetings.
- Participate in making decisions.
- Participate on a Committee and/or other governance activities.
- Request input from NAMI Yolo County members regarding issues and proposed policies.
- Keep NAMI Yolo County members informed.