

NAMI Creates Board, Secures Non-Profit Status; Relationship with MWC Remains Unchanged

Several changes have been implemented recently by NAMI Southern Santa Barbara County to meet more rigorous standards which NAMI national has created to enhance the strength and effectiveness of the organization at national, State, and local levels. For our affiliate, this has meant creating by-laws and a board of directors, and obtaining our own 501 c3 non-profit status, all of which was accomplished by the end of 2016. Operationally, there will be little change that our members will notice. Even though we will no longer operate as a "Program" of the Mental Wellness Center, we will continue all fundraising activities jointly for both agencies and MWC will continue to host NAMI and provide the same staff and financial support as previously. The relationship between MWC and NAMI in Santa Barbara is both unique and synergistic and both MWC and NAMI Boards are committed to the continuation of this long term partnership.