
NAMI Scott County

*Community Voice on Mental Illness
Empowering People toward Recovery*

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This election will decide the future of mental health services

In the election November 7, you have an opportunity to choose office holders who will improve our local mental health systems. On the other hand, people may be elected who opt to let the services deteriorate for lack of funding.

Last year, Vera French Community Mental Health Center and Handicapped Development Center were faced with hundreds of thousands of dollars in lowered funding. A one-year solution was found to save several threatened programs. The next session of the state legislature will be asked to find a permanent solution to the shortage of funding.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors, and some other counties as well, favored a proposal to allow counties to generate additional revenue for Mental Health/Developmental Disability services. The Levy proposal would give counties the option of using the 1996 levy rate as the cap instead of using the 1996 levy dollar amount as the cap. This would mean property taxes would go up as property increases in value, to pay for needed MH/DD services.

We hope you take the opportunity to ask your legislative and county board candidates about their position on these mental health funding issues.

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Scott County Board of Supervisors

(Vote for no more than three)
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Help Pass Federal Mental Health Parity

In a seldom used parliamentary move, the lead sponsors of legislation requiring equitable coverage of mental illness treatment this past week filed a "discharge petition" demanding expedited action on the bill. The sponsors of the bill – Representatives Jim Ramstad (R-MN) and Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) – are now working to secure the required 218 signatures on their petition in order to force the bill before the full House. If they are able to achieve 218 signatures before the end of the year (and final adjournment), then a vote on the bill would have to occur.

It is important to note that the Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act (HR 1402) already has 229 House cosponsors, more than enough public supporters to ensure passage. Thus, in order for this discharge petition to be successful, the sponsors need only to get 218 of the 229 cosponsors to sign on.

Action Required

Advocates are strongly encouraged to contact their House member and urge them to sign on to the Ramstad-Kennedy discharge petition on HR 1402.

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Family Support Group: 4th Monday each month at 7 pm at Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave., Davenport, Iowa

NAMI-C.A.R.E. Consumer Support Group:
2 to 3:30 pm the first and third Sundays of each month at Vera French Manor Community Room, 215 W. 37th St., Davenport, Iowa

Voters rally Saturday October 21

The Voter Empowerment Project will hold a public meeting from 10 to 12 Saturday, October 21 at the Bettendorf Community Center, 2204 Grant Street, Bettendorf.

It will be a rally for people with disabilities and those who care about them, to have an opportunity to express their needs to elected officials and candidates. There will be refreshments, speakers, tee shirts, and entertainment.

Mark your calendars for upcoming NAMI events

Nancy Blum from the University of Iowa will speak on Seasonal Affective Disorder at the November 20 education meeting in the Bettendorf Library.

The NAMI Christmas Party will be Monday, December 18, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davenport.

Cards with information on interacting with people who have mental illness

NAMI Scott County has printed cards for people who want to interact with people who have mental illness in a way that will not dehumanize, antagonize or agitate them. The cards are available to distribute to police and sheriff's department employees and others. One is included in this mailing, and if you would like more, contact one of the NAMI officers listed on the left.

New NAMIWalks Managers

Greg Paulline and Terri Hughes Paulline are the managers for the 2007 NAMIWalks, which will take place at Credit Island Park Saturday, May 5. Call Greg if you have ideas for the planning committee: 322-5276.

Greg has resigned from the position of NAMI Scott Treasurer, and Connie Williams has been appointed to that post.