NAMI Texas Advocacy Newsletter
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NAMI Texas Public Policy Committee Applications

If you are interested in serving on the NAMI Texas Public Policy Committee for the 2020-2021 and haven’t submitted an application yet, you have until tomorrow at 11:59pm to send your application to policy.fellow@namitexas.org.

This committee provides feedback to shape our public policy platform and the positions NAMI Texas takes on key legislation. The application can be found here.

#Vote4MentalHealth Volunteers Needed!

We still need volunteers for our election project. We are working on a candidate questionnaire for individuals running for state legislative seats this year. Texas has over 300 candidates running for the state legislature in 2020, so we need all the help we can get sending the questionnaires via email to these candidates before the March 3rd primary.

Please contact me at policy.fellow@namitexas.org if you are interested in volunteering for this project.

If you have anything you would like to share with NAMI Texas advocates in these emails, please send the information to my email.

- Alissa Sughrue and the NAMI Texas Public Policy Team

The Annual Central Texas African American Family Support Conference

February 11-12, 2020
Palmer Events Center (900 Barton Springs Road), Austin, TX, 78704.

Join us to learn more about mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use challenges, and physical health. Discover health services, learn how to help yourself and others and be inspired by stories of recovery and resilience.

Register here: https://ctaafsc.com/register/
RecoveryPeople Capital Conference 2020

Austin area - February 21-22
Midland/Odessa area - April 17-18
Houston area - June 19-20
Dallas area - August 7-8

The Recovery Capital Conference brings together people in recovery, family members, and allies from diverse communities and organizations to create a strength-based framework of Recovery Capital through shared learning and community-building activities.

Find more information and register here: https://recoverypeople.org/recovery-capital-conference/

Upcoming State Legislative Hearing in Harlingen, Texas

The Texas State House Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security is having a hearing and taking public testimony on February 24th, 2020 in Harlingen, Texas.

One specific charge being addressed by the committee:
Veteran Mental Health - Review suicide prevention strategies and programs identified by the federal Defense Suicide Prevention Office and make recommendations to connect at-risk individuals with available resources as they transition into veteran status.

If you live in the Harlingen area, this is a great opportunity to meet and connect with legislators on key mental health issues, especially for veterans.

You can find more information here: https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C6502020022413001.HTM.

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