

March 22, 2024

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Attn: Elections 2024 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22203

Dear NAMI 2024 Elections Committee:

The NAMI New Hampshire Board is proud to submit the name of Todd Donovan as a candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. Todd's nomination was confirmed by the vote of the NAMI New Hampshire Board of Directors on March 20, 2024. Todd Donovan is a very active member of NAMI NH and our Manchester affiliate.

Todd Donovan is an exceptional candidate for the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors. A 30-year paramedic and fire fighter, Todd began his journey with NAMI NH volunteering as an In Our Own Voice speaker, joining the NAMI NH Board of Directors in 2019 and eventually becoming President in 2022. When Todd joined the Board, he felt that fund development was the area in which he lacked the most experience, so he joined our Advancement Committee and was soon its Chair, extolling to the Board the joys of writing thank you notes to major donors. When he retired from the fire service in 2021, Todd completed his Master's in Leadership and founded Freedom Hill Consulting, assisting public service agencies with utilizing data to deliver the high quality services to their communities. Todd's experience as a first responder and businessman, along with his leadership skills make him an exemplary board candidate.

Todd will be transitioning into the role of Immediate Past President this June and sadly will, per our bylaws, term off the NAMI NH board in June of 2025. While we will miss his steady leadership, we feel strongly that our Alliance should benefit from his wisdom, lived experience, and delightful dad jokes.

For these reasons, the NAMI New Hampshire Board unanimously supports the nomination of Todd Donovan to serve families and individuals affected by mental illness as a member of the 2024-2025 NAMI Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Stearns Executive Director

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