

Candidate Information

Margaret Elmer: Candidate for Re-Election

Margaret joined NAMI Kane County Illinois in 2002 after taking the Family-to-Family class. Subsequently she became a volunteer in NAMI advocacy and in NAMI Signature Programs as a Family-to-Family Teacher and Trainer, Family Support Group Facilitator and Provider Education presenter, NAMIWalks and others.

Margaret currently is Board President of NAMI Colorado and also works as a volunteer fulfilling the duties of executive director. She chairs the NAMI Colorado Public Policy Committee and has been following Governor Polis' Behavioral Health Task Force. Margaret holds a B.A. in Music from Northern Illinois University, a Masters in Education Counseling from Southeastern Louisiana University, and a J.D. from NIU College of Law.

"There is no organization like NAMI addressing the needs of individuals and family members dealing with mental illness."

Jennifer Bierbauer

Jennifer Bierbauer has a BA in Anthropology and a Masters of Basic Science (Physics emphasis) both from CU Denver, and a Masters in Metallurgical & Materials Engineering from Colorado School of Mines. She has worked for Lockheed Martin as an engineer for over 15 years. Jennifer adopted her (then) ten year old son through foster care. Thinking that mental health was just taking him to his therapist appointments, taking him to his psychiatrist appointments, and having him take his medications, Jennifer soon learned that life was not that simple. Fast forward several years of that, Jennifer became concerned about how her son's life would look when he became an adult. The incidence of lying, stealing, meltdowns and verbal abuse took a toll on Jennifer's own mental health. The therapist mentioned NAMI. Jennifer took Family-to-Family at her local affiliate, NAMI Jeffco. It was a bright light that there were other people feeling angry, disappointed, confused, along with all feelings of the rainbow and there was no shame in the feelings. Jennifer started walking with NAMIWalks for NAMI Jeffco. She felt that bringing purpose to her dark years with her son gives her passion and motivation to help. Starting in 2018 Jennifer has volunteered with NAMI Jeffco, NAMI High Country and NAMI Colorado, helping with affiliate outreach, websites, and office systems.

Jonathan Culwell

Jonathan is an attorney practicing at the law firm of Glatstein & O'Brien, LLP. He focuses on probate matters in guardianship and conservatorship, mental health law, estate administration, and drafts estate plans for individuals and families. He is a member of the Trust & Estates and Elder Law Sections of the Colorado Bar Association, serves as the chair of the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Elder Law Section, and chairs the Quarterly Mental Health CLE. He serves on the board of directors of the Colorado Guardianship Association, and he fields NAMI Colorado Law Line phone calls. Jonathan earned his J.D. at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and his dual bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and Communication at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Hannah Lenz

Hannah is currently a Community College of Denver student in the paralegal program. Her goal as a member of the NAMI Colorado board is to bring a connection between NAMI and the Auraria Campus. She is non-binary, queer living with mental illness. “Denver’s diversity is invaluable and I look forward to bringing further representation to this board.” Hannah has worked within a nonprofit as a direct service provider in a mental health group for young adult women. She has skills in public relations/outreach, psychology, law, fundraising and grant writing, and adult/geriatric mental health. Hannah believes strongly that people who look like those they represent and also share similar experiences “is crucial to effective advocacy.” Hannah hopes also to engage other schools with NAMI Colorado to provide “better mental health support regarding attendance, establishing policy for children in inpatient, outpatient, or partial therapy, and working to end gun violence.”

LaQuetta Walker

LaQuetta works for the nonprofit Center for African American Health as a Community Health and Wellness Navigator. This position allows her to live her passion to educate, advocate and bring awareness of the healthcare needs in the African American Community. She is also a subcommittee member of the Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger. LaQuetta believes the best way to help meet the needs of other people is to ask the population you expect to serve for input and their perspective. LaQuetta has a Masters in Social Work, with additional training in suicide prevention, mandated reporting, and Navigation, and she is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. She is also a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor. “I believe my advocacy skills, outreach skills, and nonprofit experience will be a value add to the NAMI Colorado Board. I also believe my work with the African American/ Black counselors and psychologists will help NAMI Colorado to build relationships with faith-based organizations, churches, etc. I want to be an active board member fulfilling the mission and enhancing our efforts to support individuals and families affected by mental illness.”

Jadon Webb

Jadon Webb is currently the Chief Medical and Mission Officer for the Denver YMCA. Board Certified in both Adult and Child Psychiatry, he maintains a part-time private practice. He is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale University Child Study Center. Dr. Webb obtained an M.D. and Ph.D in Neuroscience, and has published peer-reviewed neuroscience and psychiatric research that has been presented at national conferences, and featured on TV, radio, and major print publications.