

NAMI Western Massachusetts Board of Directors



Bernice Drumheller, President, has been involved with NAMI Western Massachusetts for over 30 years. During that time, she has served in many capacities. Currently, she is the President of NAMI-WM and serves as a Family Support Group facilitator also volunteers countless hours each month. She was on the Board of Directors of NAMI Massachusetts for 9 years and a Family-to-Family Education teacher for 15 years. She is on the Friends of the Lighthouse Clubhouse Board of Directors 5 years previously and recently since 2018 and on the Human Rights Committee for Vibra Hospital since 2017. Most of her time has been spent giving countless hours serving an organization she believes in and is dedicated to, promoting mental health and well-being throughout the community. She has earned NAMI's everlasting gratitude and appreciation for her dedicated teaching and unselfish service to families in need.



Donna Bunn, Vice President and Walkathon Chairperson, is very passionate about helping people with mental health diagnoses. Her son was diagnosed in his early twenties with a mental health condition. NAMI-WM helped educate her on how to understand her son's diagnosis and showed her a better way to communicate with him. Donna loves helping others and bringing a sense of hope to their lives. She would like to reach out to the entire Western Mass area, to let others know how important NAMI is for our community, especially during these difficult times we are having. Donna would like our members to know she is there for you and will do all she can to assist NAMI-WM continue its efforts in helping those who are affected by mental health conditions.



Donna M. Roundy, Treasurer, lives in Agawam, with her husband Bob, 2 grown daughters (one a nurse, the other an engineer) and has a BS in Accounting from Westfield State University, Certified Public Accountant, working at Meyers Brothers Kalicka, PC in Holyoke for 30+ years, focusing on audits of not-for-profit organizations and subsidized housing entities, as well as doing financial reporting and tax preparation for closely held businesses. Donna believes it's important to give back to the community, and she tries to in small ways. Participating on the board of NAMI-WM is rewarding for her - the organization is a positive force when families and individuals are struggling, the basic premise is helping - and listening. NAMI means a great deal to many people and she uses her skills to do the little bit she can.



Natasha Mercado-Santana, Secretary, has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Arts in Communication from Western New England University. Natasha got involved with NAMI to learn more about mental health and to help break the stigma surrounding mental illness. As an undergraduate student, Natasha founded her university's chapter of NAMI on Campus and was the club's president for two years before graduating. She has been a NAMI Western Massachusetts director for the last year.



Kenneth Barnett, is a MAT/OTP Support Services officer at the Hampden County Sheriff's Department of Massachusetts. He has an accounting degree and has worked with several corporations throughout New England, specializing in audits and corporate reporting. Kenneth has a powerful voice in his community and uses his positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others. He does this through activities with the local neighborhood council and his continuance of a 33-year-old radio program he hosts and produces. He is working towards NAMI-WM having access to his weekly radio program. A few years ago, he lost a very close relative to mental illness and is determined to spread awareness; realizing churches and families in the urban communities lack understanding and appreciation of resources available to them. He wants to change that. He is inspired daily by his two daughters and granddaughter. In his free time, he likes to cook, travel and spend time with family and friends."



Susan DiVenuto, has been involved with NAMI-WM for over 12 years. She is certified in CPR, a C.N.A./Home Health Aide, and has an Associate's in Graphic Arts. She has been on the board for over 9 years and volunteers weekly in the Agawam office. She is a trained NAMI Connection support group facilitator, an In Our Own Voice presenter, a Certified Peer Support Specialist, a Family-to-Family teacher and been in recovery for over 30 years. Sue has been through a lot in her life but believes in accepting your own diagnosis, building positive coping skills and always trying to work on yourself and do these things for yourself. One day at a time. One step at a time. NAMI has helped her, and by sharing things about her mental illness with others, she knows it can help them & help herself. NAMI has given her HOPE!



Tricia Fitzgerald is proud to be a board member of NAMI-WM. Her goal is to help NAMI in any way that she can reaching more people than ever. She joined the walkathon and nominating committees this year. She wants to continue to raise funds so that the people that need NAMI the most have access to this organization. Tricia has utilized the NAMI Connection peer support group in the past to help her feel connected to other people who also live with mental illness. Her interest in NAMI is both personal and professional as she is also a clinical social worker therapist and holistic healer.



Alison Skar, is a registered nurse who has worked in hospitals, management and clinical settings for over 30 years. Currently she works PT for a home care agency. Over the past year, she constructed over 1300 masks at her home and distributed many more. She is the mother of four grown children and lives with her husband, John and two cats. NAMI was introduced to her while working and she developed a strong interest in joining the NAMI team and making a difference in the care and support of the clients NAMI focuses on. She has found the healthcare support network experience, especially recently, to be more challenging and understands that NAMI has a lot of influence and supports many individuals and their families. During her interim months on the NAMI-WM board Alison has been active in meetings and virtual events. She looks forward to more in-depth participation as a Board member and making a difference. Alison would appreciate your vote!



Kateri M. Walsh, Is a published poet, co founder of a writing group in the city of Springfield, a certified yoga teacher and a member of NAMI Western Mass. Kateri serves as an advocate, is on the board of directors and a fund raiser for NAMI. She is currently participating in a peer to peer class. Kateri is passionate about NAMI because she suffers from a mental illness. NAMI enables her to help herself and others like her find support, healing and hope.



Your Name Here, Get Involved, Make a Difference, Help us Grow and Be the Change you would like to see in Mental Health. Dedicate some time monthly for our board meeting and events to support your Western Massachusetts community. Advocate to improve the public's awareness and understanding of mental health conditions.

Help build relationships in various areas within the community, to help us expand our outreach, programs and networks to help people diagnosed with mental health conditions and their loved ones