



NAMI North Carolina Fall Institute
Decriminalizing Mental Illness

McKimmon Conference and Training Center, Raleigh, NC
November 27th, 2007

- 8:30-9:00 **Registration**
9:00-9:20 **Introduction** - Carol Matthieu, President, NAMI NC
Welcome - Secretary Dempsey Benton, Department of Health and Human Services
- 9:20-10:30 **Introduction:** Deby Dihoff, MA, Executive Director, NAMI NC
- Keynote- *Jericho Project*** – Stephen Bush, Supervising Attorney/Special Litigation, Office of the Public Defender, Memphis Tennessee
- 10:30-10:50 **BREAK**
- 11:00-12:00 **Breakouts Room A & B**
- Breakout - Room A
11:00-11:30 **Introduction:** Chief Rick Dowdle, Iredell County Sheriff’s Office, Secretary/Treasurer of the NC Jail Administrators Association
- Identification and Treatment of Individuals with MI or MR/DD in NC Jails*– Ms. Anna Scheyett, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Department of Social Work, UNC-CH
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- The National Landscape: the good, the bad, the ugly* – Ronald S. Honberg, J.D., Director of Policy Team, NAMI National

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12:00-1:15

Introduction: Lisa Hamill, President, NAMI Orange County

Luncheon Speaker- *The Development and Maintenance of Mental health Courts: sharing success stories* - The Honorable Judge Joe Buckner, Orange County

1:30-2:30

Plenary Session

Interventions and Diversions for People with Mental Illness in Jail; Ray Sabbatine, MA, Connie Milligan, LCSW, Director, Kentucky Jail Mental Health Crisis Network

2:30-3:00

BREAK

3:00-4:00

PM Breakouts

Session One

Introduction: Anna Scheyett, Ph.D, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Department of Social Work, UNC-CH

Enhancing Collaboration with Community Providers, Connie Milligan, LCSW and Ray Sabbatine, MA

Session Two

Introduction: Robin Huffman, Executive Director, NC Psychiatric Association

Access to Federal Benefits: Building a Bridge for Community Re-Entry After Incarceration, Elaine Alfano, Policy Analyst, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

4:00-5:00

Closing Session

Taking the Next Steps to Create Change in Your Community: North Carolina Panel – Success Stories and Q&A -

Moderator: Deby Dihoff

Panelists: Connie Mele, MSN, RN, LCAS, CNS, CARN-AP,
Director of Provided Services, Area Mental Health Authority, Mecklenburg County

Margaret Peacock, MBA, NAMI-Charlotte Board Member

Michelle Zechmann, MPA, Director of Community Programs, The Durham Center