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Welcome to the NAMI Colorado 2020 Conference- we are so glad that you could join us! We want to give a special thanks to Luke White, PUSH Live, and VEEPS, for making this virtual conference happen.

Also, a special thanks to all our presenters, (they all volunteered, so give them extra applause), we are so excited to share their work in mental health with you.

The presentation runs on a linear stream. Your tickets to the daytime streams will be good for one month, so if you do not get a chance to watch everything this weekend, do not worry - you have a month to get back to anything! There is a tandem YouTube channel running alongside the conference, with many more classes and videos for you to enjoy- feel free to switch over at any time if something in the mainstream does not tickle your fancy.

2020 has been a challenging year- we are all feeling the strain of multiple global events that are impacting our day to day mental wellness. Furthermore, the isolation caused by COVID-19 has been a boon to some but has greatly diminished quality of life for others. At this moment in history, we need to care for the mental wellness of ourselves, our communities, and especially for those of us who have serious mental health conditions. Suicide is on the rise, Depression and anxiety too - the time is now to change the way we treat our brain health in America and throughout the world. You are that change - and we are so proud to assist you.

NAMI Colorado is undergoing some exciting changes - we have a strong board, we are searching for a new full-time Executive Director, and we are looking forward to a year of renewed commitment to our affiliates and of growth in size, funds, and program offerings. Please join us at the yearly meeting next month to hear more and to vote for your NAMI Board.

Throughout the live stream you will see a donate button on your screen. If you feel inspired by the amazing presentations, please give- it is easy, and it will help us to grow our community in the coming year.

We really hope you enjoy the conference this year- so sit back, relax, wear sweats (or no pants - hey, it is virtual), grab some coffee and enjoy the next two days!

Sincerely,

Jen Longtin and Jonathan Culwell
PROGRAM AGENDA

Friday Evening:

- **In Our Own Voice:**
  - Brenda Magsamen and Jordan Chisholm
  - Performance: Brenda Magsamen

- **Shattered:**
  - performed and written by Diana Varco
  - A dark comedy solo show about dating, dysfunction, and sexual devastation, told through the voices of 35 characters. Shattered uses comedy to take us through tragedy, and triumphantly tell the tale of one individual picking up the broken pieces of herself and learning to live again.

- **Conversation with the Artist:**
  - Diana Varco and Keefer from KBCO

Saturday:

- **President’s Welcome Message**
  - Babu George Mathew

- **In Our Own Voice Presentation**

- **Mindfulness Meditation Lecture**
  - Bryan Archuleta

- **Setting the Agenda: NAMI Public Policy Committee**
  - Jonathan Bulwell, Bonnie Bowman, Theresa Schiavone

- **NGRI - What Does it All Mean?:**
  - Bill Martinez and Jennifer Longtin

- **ARTS in Mental Health:**
  - Dr. Ashley Hamilton, Erin Hollingsworth, Matthew Taylor, Diana Varco

- **In Our Own Voice Presentations**

- **Storytelling and Mental Health:**
  - Mathew Taylor
Psychiatric Advance Directives (PAD):
- Jonathan Culwell and Moe Keller
  
  Psychiatric advance directives are legal documents that allow a person with mental illness to state their preferences for treatment in advance of a mental health crisis. PADs help an individual with mental illness preserve their autonomy while ensuring the right care at the right time. People who complete PADs are more likely to work collaboratively with their clinicians, experience fewer coercive crisis interventions, and feel that their personal needs for mental health services are being met. When PADs are used correctly, medical providers, local hospitals, police departments and caregivers can provide care that is aligned with an individual’s preference. All states should have laws that permit psychiatric advance directives in order to empower people with mental illness and support a path to recovery. Policies that encourage the use of PADs and prioritize including PADs in routine care can help people with mental illnesses protect their autonomy in a crisis situation.

Rebuild Your Mind Initiative:
- Dr. Kim Gorgons, Marchell Taylor, Corey Shivley
  
  The Rebuild Your Mind Initiative (RYM) was developed by AYBOS Marketing to take an aggressive approach in identifying, destigmatizing/treating Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs) and Mental Health Disorders in three targeted areas in the State of Colorado. Our goal is to provide the targeted environmental communities with neuropsychological screenings, mental health assessments, treatments and services (including Mental Health Housing).

Virtual Private Screening: LIV and Talkback:
- Susan Caso, Tess Kunick, and Honey Beuf of The LIV Project
  
  LIV is a 39-minute film featuring sisters Tess and Liv, who from a young age are inseparable. Liv is a young girl, growing up with relentless pressures of social media, teen depression and, often, suicidal thoughts. Through fearless storytelling, LIV reveals the realities of stigma, the struggles of mental health, and the aftermath for the survivors left behind in a suicide.
  
  To ensure LIV was created in a safe and effective manner, the filmmakers worked with a team of therapists to craft the story. In addition, the film was vetted by the leading team at the Children’s Hospital Colorado Pediatric Mental Health Institute to ensure the content was accurate and safe, and in no way glorified this issue. The film has been approved for youth ages 14 and up by the team at the Children’s Hospital Colorado Pediatric Mental Health Institute.
  
  The film will be followed by a virtual panel discussion with members of the creative team, film subjects and a licensed therapist about the film and the LIV Project’s mission of fearlessly communicating to turn the tide of youth suicide.

Saturday Evening:

Performances from Lissie, LP, and IN-Q:
- All performances have been donated, by the artists, to help NAMI Colorado raise awareness of mental health and reduce stigma.
Sunday:

- **In Our Own Voice Presentation**

- **Mindfulness Meditation Practice:**
  o Caroline Fisher-O’neill

- **Racial Equity and Mental Health:**
  o De Dee Loftin, Jennifer Longtin Moderator

- **Technology in Mental Health Systems:**
  o Alires Almon, Brittany Ward

- **The Social Impact Bond**
  o Carrie Craig and David Iverson
    - People experiencing homelessness who are placed in permanent supportive housing often experience significant struggles in adapting to living inside. Service programs, especially those that utilize the Housing First model, are challenged with providing substantial support to these new residents as they adjust to the expectations of adhering to their lease & community rules. Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) has taken advantage of implementing such an integrative model with its Social Impact Bond (SIB) program that operates under the umbrella of its Housing First Department. Using the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team approach, wraparound support is provided to participants in an effort to provide housing stability and reduce jail stays and use of emergency services.

- **In Our Own Voice Presentations**

- **CMHIP Litigation and Solutions:**
  o Ann Pogue, Neil Gowensmith, Jagruti Shah, Mark Ivandick, Moderator: Jennifer Longtin

- **NAMI Walks:**
  o Jennifer Bierbauer

- **Warrior Now - Veterans and Mental Health:**
  o Brian Johnson and Tiffany Morgan
    - A personal account of life in the military from the perspective of a male Army combat veteran and a female Navy veteran, to include stats on mental illness in the mil/vet population and ways to increase resiliency and recovery.

- **The State of NAMI:**
  o Babu George Mathew, President

- **Conference Closing Thoughts:**
• Jennifer Longtin and Jonathan Culwell

**Keynote Address:**
  • Vincent Atchity, Mental Health Colorado

**Alternate Programming:**

• **Mental Health Criminal Defense:**
  - Various videos provided by JLongtin Law on topics including competency, sanity, mental health mitigation, and what you can do to help your loved one accused of a crime.

• **Civil Mental Health System - An Overview:**
  - Katie Donohue and Dr. Thom Dunn

• **Psychiatric Advanced Directives:**
  - Jonathan Culwell and Moe Keller

• **Incompetent to Proceed - Transitions to the Civil Mental Health System**
  - Jennifer Longtin, Kate Power, Jonathan Culwell
    - Sometimes a criminal case can be dismissed for incompetency to proceed, this can lead to possible filings in the civil mental health systems.

• **The Red Flag Law - One Year On:**
  - Jonathan Culwell and Alison Daley

• **The MIA Project - A Series of Fortunate Events:**
  - DJ Standell
    - THE MIA (Mental Illness Awareness) PROJECT Presents: A Series of Fortunate Events - EPISODE III – WE ARE ALL LIFEGUARDS
    - Through sharing part of his story, DJ hopes to raise awareness, reduce stigma and offer hope to those living with and being impacted by mental health.

• **Rebuild Your Mind Challenges:**
  - Dr. Kim Gorgon, Jennifer Longtin

• **CIT In Practice:**
  - Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office
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Our Presenters

ALIRES ALMON
Alires Almon, MA is the Director of Innovation for the Mental Health Center of Denver. She leads the Innovation Technology Lab 150 which is focused on using technology as a force multiplier for increased access, efficacy and engagement for all the people we serve. The lab’s portfolios include technologies such as Virtual/Augmented Reality, Artificial Intelligence and tech solutions focused on clinical and business optimization. The goal is to enable execution of ideas from concept to standard of service. Throughout her professional career, Alires has fostered a deep passion for the opportunities created by advanced science and technology. She focuses her work on the social and cultural impacts of technology and ensuring they are addressed as equally as the technological advancements. Prior to joining Mental Health Center of Denver, Alires founded Deep Space Predictive Research Group, an international research team whose goal it is to create new behavioral technology to ensure emotional health and well-being in isolated and extreme conditions. Partnerships include the AI Institute at the Iliff School of Theology. Alires was member of the team that was awarded the 100 Year Starship (100YSS) grant from DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Project Agency) to study interstellar human space exploration. Alires earned an AB in Psychology from the University of Georgia and an MA degree in Experimental Psychology with a specialization in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from New Mexico State University. In her spare time, Alires enjoys cycling, video games, snowboarding, and golf.

BRYAN ARCHULETA
Pharm D. CNS Medical Science Liaison- Otsuka
Education: University of Northern Colorado; University of Colorado School of Pharmacy
Experience: Geriatric Medication Management; Lead of the PsychU.org Stigma in Mental Health Team
Personal: Wife Amy and two daughters, Maya (9) and Zia (7); Interests include fishing, hiking, skiing, camping, growing large pumpkins, and enjoying my family

VINCENT ATCHITY
Vincent Atchity joined Mental Health Colorado in 2019. Vincent previously served as Executive Director of The Equitas Project, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working to disentangle mental health and criminal justice by activating leaders, influencing policy, and spurring innovation. Vincent is an advocate for public health and health equity, a population health management strategist, and a builder of communications bridges connecting communities and community partners with better health outcomes and more efficiently managed costs. Vincent’s work has included care management, cost control, outcomes improvement, workforce development, data integration, partnership network development and support, project design, education, and fundraising. Vincent has served on the Colorado Governor’s Mental Health Holds Task Force and the Colorado Opioid Epidemic Symposia Steering Committee, and currently serves on the Colorado Public
Defender Commission, Governor’s Strategic Planning Task Force to Increase Behavioral Health Access in the state, the Denver District Attorney Advisory Council on Mental Health, the Colorado School of Public Health Behavioral Health Initiative Advisory Board, as well as on the board of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Vincent has held positions with the North Colorado Health Alliance, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Fordham University, and the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health. He earned his Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in comparative literature at the University of Southern California, and his undergraduate degree in classics at Georgetown University.

DR. LACEY BERUMEN
Dr. Lacey Berumen, PhD, LAC, MNM, ADS- is a passionate advocate and clinician. Lacey has extensive career in behavioral health, spanning 25 years both nationally and internationally. Lacey is currently the Director of Behavioral Sciences for TRACKtech LLC Prior to TRACKtech, Lacey worked at a variety of treatment settings including 17 years at a Level I trauma center. She is a Clinical Director at four treatment programs and serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at The University of Phoenix-College of Social Sciences. Lacey recently completed a six-year term serving as a National Board Member for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She is currently appointed to the Behavioral Health Taskforce Subcommittee for Long-Term Competency. She has held previous appointments to: The Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council; The Behavioral Health Transformation Council; Civil Commitment Taskforce; Colorado Commission on Juvenile Justice Committee; Colorado Medicaid-Advisory Council. Lacey was recognized as Undergraduate Faculty of the Year for University of Phoenix Colorado Campus, 2014; CAAP Substance Abuse Counselor of the Year, 2013; Regis University Alumni Community Volunteer of the Year, 2012; Colorado Youth Volunteer of the Year, 2010; Colorado Volunteer of the Year by Governor Ritter, 2009; One of Denver’s 150 Unsung Heroes, 2008; Heroes in the Fight Nominee 2007 and Lacey served in the United States Air Force during Desert Shield and Desert Storm receiving a Presidential Citation. Her Master’s research focused on Recidivism within the Colorado Department of Corrections and her Doctoral research focused on Health Literacy and Medical Decision Making.

HONEY BEUF
Honey Beuf is the mother of Liv, Tess and Max and currently lives in Pennsylvania with her husband Chuck. She received a bachelor’s degree in sociology from The University of Pennsylvania, later moving to Boulder, Colorado where she became CFO and co-owner of a staffing firm for over 25 years before retiring in July of 2018. When her youngest child Liv died by suicide in January of 2019, she and her family decided that they wanted to create something unique that would prevent other families from feeling the brutally painful grief of suicide loss. Suicide is now the leading cause of death of youth in Colorado. They wanted to be different and creative, just like Liv was in life, to reach young people both nationally and globally to encourage fearless communication around mental wellness. They started with the film LIV and then expanded to the creation of The Liv Project: a group of artists, filmmakers, and creative humans from all over the world, whose lives have been touched by youth suicide. Their mission is to constantly imagine and build new tools, experiences, games and resources designed to eliminate the stigma of mental health issues and reverse the soaring rate of youth suicide.
BONNIE BOWMAN
Bonnie Bowman found NAMI in Fort Worth Texas in 1989 and has been very involved with NAMI as life permitted since that time. Currently, she is one of the state facilitators for the NAMI Smarts program, a member of the NAMI Colorado Public Policy Committee and president of the board of her local affiliate NAMI Southeast Colorado. She is also trained as a Family to Family teacher, Family Support Group Facilitator, Family and Friends presenter, and Ending the Silence presenter. Bonnie began to learn advocacy when she joined the League of Women Voters in 1979 and over the years became active in many organizations to advocate not just for services for people with serious mental illness, but for the environment and for a dog park (this one gave her widespread community recognition!). She has 2 PhD’s, 2 dogs, 2 cats, 3 guitars, 1 cello and many more hobbies that fill up her time.

SUSAN CASO
Susan Caso is a Licensed Professional Counselor working with teens and college students over the last seventeen years. She counsels individuals dealing with anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, and suicidal ideation as well as helping families in their supportive role. She earned two undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Human Development from the University of Kansas, along with a Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology and Counselor Education from the University of Colorado. She has worked in clinical settings ranging from agency work, residential treatment, public schools, and private practice. She was a board member for Second Wind Fund of Boulder County for five years and is dedicated to finding ways to create awareness on the topic of mental health and educating others of how to create a safe environment for those struggling to feel supported.

CARRIE CRAIG
Carrie Craig obtained her MSW at St Louis University in St. Louis, MO where she focused on legislative advocacy, public policy, and community development/organization. In St. Louis, she worked in both child welfare and adult mental health. She obtained her LCSW while working at a Community Mental Health Center. During her tenure there, she held several positions focusing on Community Psychiatric Support with her last position there being Director of Advocacy and Outreach. In this role, she developed two separate “high utilizer” programs designed to outreach those with high Medicaid costs coupled with chronic illnesses and severe/persistent mental illness. She moved to Denver six years ago to fulfill a contract with the National Health Service Corp accepting a position at the CO Coalition for the Homeless (CCH). At CCH, she moved from Program Manager to Associate Director of Housing First and ACT Services focusing on creating and developing the programming for CCH’s Denver Social Impact Bond (SIB) project. She currently is the Director of Housing First and ACT Services where she oversees five ACT teams. Carrie currently serves on the Clinicians’ Network Steering Committee of the National Healthcare for the Homeless.
JONATHAN CULLWELL
Jonathan Culwell is an attorney practicing at the law firm of Glatstein & O’Brien, LLP. A native to Colorado, he has significant experience working with issues around mental health matters, including representing families and guardians as they attempt to seek involuntary treatment options for an adult individual, representing the rights of individuals with a mental health disorder, and providing counsel to families, guardians and conservators, and individuals for advance directive and estate planning needs. Additionally, he practices in guardianship and conservatorship, estate administration, and drafts estate plans. He assisted in drafting Colorado’s first Psychiatric Advance Directive law and the recognized P.A.D. form. He enjoys skiing, gardening, and being outside with his family.

KATIE DONOHUE
Katie Donohue, J.D., M.S.W., is an Assistant City Attorney with the City and County of Denver. Katie works in the Mental Health Unit, which handles mental health certifications, involuntary commitments for substance use, and extreme risk protection orders. Katie is also serving as an adjunct professor with the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work. She was previously a Deputy State Public Defender for the State of Colorado as well as an attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. Katie graduated from Columbia Law School in 2012.

DR. THOM DUNN
Dr. Thom Dunn is a licensed psychologist and Professor of Psychological Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado. A Colorado native, Dr. Dunn completed a PhD in clinical psychology and clinical neuropsychology at the University of Cincinnati in 1999 before joining the UNC faculty in 2000. Additionally, Dr. Dunn is a clinical instructor of psychiatry at the CU Denver School of Medicine with a clinical commitment to Denver Health. At Denver Health he works on the hospital’s behavioral health consult-liaison team, helping physicians and surgeons treat persons living with mental illness. Dr. Dunn is a member of the hospital’s bioethics committee and is a former chair of the Colorado Psychological Association’s ethics committee. In his spare time, he is a paramedic field instructor with Denver Paramedics and frequently lectures to medical providers about issues affecting those living with mental illness.

DR. KIM GORGENS
Dr. Kim Gorgens is a Professor of Psychophysiology, Clinical Neuropsychology and Psychology of Criminal Behavior at the University of Denver. She manages a large portfolio of traumatic brain injury (TBI) related research and has lectured extensively on those issues (including a 2010 TED talk on youth sports concussion, a 2018 TED talk on brain injuries in criminal justice, several NPR spots and an interview on CNN with Anderson Cooper). Her work has been featured in USNews, Newsweek, and more. Her
research studies the reported injury history, cognitive function and brain biomarkers of youth and college athletes, probationers and inmates. Her mission is to better understand the short and long-term impacts of injuring our most vital organ.

NEIL GOWENSMITH

Neil Gowensmith is a core faculty member at the University of Denver’s Graduate School of Professional Psychology, teaching exclusively in the Forensic Psychology graduate program. In 2014, he created and became the director of the department’s forensic mental health institute, Denver FIRST (The University of Denver’s Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training). Neil graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his PhD at Colorado State University, his predoctoral internship at the Honolulu VA, and his post-doctoral fellowship at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, focusing on forensic evaluation. He has worked in prisons, jails, courts, community mental health centers, and mental health hospitals throughout his career. From 2006-2012 he served as the Chief of Forensic Services for the State of Hawaii, helping lead Hawaii out of federal oversight and implementing several innovative and evidence-based community forensic policies and programs. He continues to serve as a national expert in forensic mental health, with consultation, research and practice focusing specifically on community-based competency restoration, standards for forensic evaluators, violence risk assessment, conditional release of insanity acquittees, and public forensic mental health systems. Currently, Neil is the Special Master with the Federal Court appointed to assist the state of Colorado in their transformation of the competency to proceed system.

ASHLEY HAMILTON

Ashley Hamilton, PhD is an assistant professor in the Department of Theater at the University of Denver and is also Co-Founder and Executive Director of the DU Prison Arts Initiative (DU PAI). She has been working within the United States’ correctional system for a decade as an educator and artist and has taught and created various educational and artistic projects in over two dozen prisons in the United States. Hamilton has taught for four different prison education programs, developing and leading various courses in associate and bachelor degree programs inside prisons. She also co-founded and ran a theatre company for men and women coming home from prison in New York City called ReEmergent Theatre. Hamilton co-founded DU PAI in 2017, a robust program that brings arts-based, educational and therapeutic programming into ten prisons in Colorado serving thousands of incarcerated people and their family members. On behalf of DU PAI, Hamilton secured an unprecedented three-year contract with the Colorado Department of Corrections to bring arts-based, educational programming into every prison in the state of Colorado over the next few years. Through DU PAI, she has also created and overseen several exciting, innovative projects for the Colorado Department of Corrections including a podcast hosted and produced by incarcerated people in Colorado called With(in), a prison theatre tour to both other prison facilities and the University of Denver and more. Hamilton’s arts-based research and scholarship focuses on the complexities of teaching and creating art and educational experiences in prisons, and how this practice can be used as a resource for authentic dialogue, affectual experience, transformation and cultural shift. She has a PhD in Applied/Educational Theatre from New York University where she focused on theatre for social change and produced her seminal work Towards
Rehabilitation: Devised Theatre as Liminal Transformer in a Women’s Maximum Security Prison. Hamilton employs innovative arts-based methods from a critical criminological lens. Further, Hamilton has special expertise in sharing the results of her work with the community and with the public through the arts to generate conversation and social change.

**ERIN HOLLINGSWORTH**
Erin has diligently served her real estate clients for 15 years and is skilled at finding properties for special needs trusts. Erin is a certified journal therapy facilitator who offers individual journal therapy sessions and journal keeping workshops for anyone in crisis of need of self-care. Erin is a momma to the coolest kiddo, Winslow. She loves to travel and have staycations where she loves to find charming local spots to dine, hang, or have tea. Since 2010, she’s taught journal-keeping workshops to help people learn new ways to keep a journal for self-care and she also donates her time as a hotline volunteer with The Lighthouse to Combat Human Trafficking.

**IN-Q** is a National Poetry Slam champion, award-winning poet, and multi-platinum songwriter. His groundbreaking achievements include being named to Oprah’s SuperSoul 100 list of the world’s most influential thought leaders, being the first spoken word artist to perform with Cirque Du Soleil, and being featured on A&E, ESPN, and HBO’s Def Poetry Jam. He’s inspired audiences around the world through his live performances and storytelling workshops. Many of his recent poetry videos have gone viral with over 70 million views combined. As a songwriter, IN-Q’s hit single “Love You Like a Love Song” by Selena Gomez went multi-platinum, winning him a BMI award. He has written with renowned artists including Aloe Blacc, Miley Cyrus, Mike Posner and Foster the People. His songs have accumulated over one billion views on YouTube alone. Leading organizations including Nike, Instagram, Spotify, Google, Lululemon, Live Nation, Shazam, The Grammy Foundation and many more have brought IN-Q in to motivate their teams through his keynote speeches and acclaimed storytelling workshop, a transformational bonding experience for companies who want to share their story more authentically. Ultimately IN-Q writes to entertain, inspire, and challenge his audiences to look deeper into the human experience and ask questions about themselves, their environment, and the world at large.

**DAVID IVERSON, MD**
Dr. Iverson began his psychiatric career at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in 1993 and was their first Director of Psychiatry. After many years elsewhere in the system, he has ‘come home’ to resume that role. Trained in forensic psychiatry-- and as Past President of the Colorado Psychiatric Society and former Chair of the Governor’s Mental Health Advisory Board on Mental Health and the Law-- he is especially committed to mental health system improvement. He has worked primarily in the public health care system in Colorado for 30 years. He currently serves on the Task Force Concerning the Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems; was one of the original trainers in CIT for local law enforcement beginning in 2002; and is a Senior Instructor for the University of Colorado
Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry. His professional interests include ethics, veterans’ affairs, and political action. In 2006, he was named one of NAMI’s “Heroes in the Fight”.

MARK IVANDICK, ESQ.
Mark J. Ivandick, Esq. started as an attorney in the Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program at Disability Law Colorado in 1999, and in 2004 was promoted to Managing Attorney for the Disability Law Colorado Denver Office. Mark works in all protection & advocacy programs, with an emphasis in the Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program, investigating complaints from facilities such as county jails, state and federal prisons, youth corrections and psychiatric hospitals. He also works on legislation and systemic issues affecting individuals with mental illness. Prior to coming to Disability Law Colorado, Mark was in private practice in Tennessee and worked for the Judge Advocate General’s Corps while assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. He holds degrees from The United States Military Academy, Western Kentucky University and St. Louis University School of Law.

BRIAN JOHNSON
Once a servant, always a servant. My heart is rooted in service to America and our community. For 8 Years I served in the U.S. Army as a Wrecker Operator and Public Affairs Officer. I served one combat tour in Iraq attached to the 101st and recorded 183 mounted missions across the country. I also served brief deployments in Germany, Kuwait, and El Salvador. In addition to serving in the Army, I served 12 years as a Deputy Sheriff for the Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office and was assigned to the jail, court services, traffic safety, and as an academy instructor. Training became a passion of mine and I was certified as a Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Use of Force Instructor, and a CPR/First Aid Instructor. After leaving both the military and law enforcement, I dedicated my life to giving back to various nonprofits that include Special Olympics, The Honor Flag, the USBTA, and serving as a mentor for the Veterans Treatment Court. About a year ago, I co-founded WarriorNow.org as a way to serve our Veterans impacted by Mental Illness, PTSD, TBI, and Addiction and act as a spokesman for Veteran Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

KEEFER, KBCO
My radio adventure began in 1977 at Eastern Illinois University. WEIU was a low powered student outlet with even lower listenership. But with a turntable, a microphone, and a stack of plastic protected albums from the likes of the Sex Pistols, Talking Heads, and Elvis Costello, I thought, if I could make a living at this, I was all in. Upon graduation, and after spending my last 20 bucks on a Rolling Stones concert, I talked my way into my first paying gig at WLRW in Champaign, Illinois. With an actual title of DJ, I cued up 45s and album cuts and tried to string words together that might be audibly intelligent or clever, and on a good day, both. I couldn’t believe I was getting paid for this. That led to WYMG, a rock and roll station in Springfield, Illinois, where I honed my skills as an afternoon personality and enjoyed loud music, late mornings, and even later nights. But after nine hedonistic years, I grew
bored with the music, the station, and my lifestyle. It was time to take my career to the next level. I wanted to find an outlet that matched my personal taste in music and that was KBXR in Columbia Missouri, where playing Uncle Tupelo next to the Velvet Underground was commonplace. But KBCO was always my dream. My only knowledge of the station came from amazing stories in trade magazines and the raving of friends who had travelled west, returning with smuggled cases of Coors and raving about a radio station that musically defied conventional wisdom. I had a plan -- sort of. I informed the station I was moving to Colorado. I would arrive on a Thursday and be ready to work the following day. Oddly enough, KBCO didn't take out a restraining order, but said "OK, come on by and we'll work something out." I started working at KBCO in August of 1999. Being on-air at one of the most respected radio stations in the country, setting up Studio C recordings for some of the most prolific musicians in the industry, and working alongside some of the most creative, professional, and hardworking people I have ever encountered, I was truly living my dream. But then the dream went sideways. Hey, life happens. And now after five years, I’m returning to KBCO. And it feels like home.

MOE KELLER
Moe Keller is Director of Advocacy for Mental Health Colorado since 2010. Before her work with Mental Health Colorado, Moe served for six years on Wheat Ridge City Council, eight years in the Colorado House of Representatives and eight years in the Colorado Senate, where she concentrated on legislation and policy for individuals who have mental health conditions and for individuals with developmental disabilities. Moe successfully sponsored two mental health parity bills, legislation restricting the use of seclusion and restraint and created the Children’s Mental Health Treatment Act in state law. She also successfully sponsored Expedited Permanency Planning for children in the Child Welfare system. Moe also created psychiatric advance directives in state law and is currently heading up the implementation of advance directives with a broad stakeholder group. She recently worked with the Kennedy Forum to pass a parity compliance bill in the state legislature which is considered model language for parity compliance in the country. Prior to her work in the legislature, Moe was a special education teacher for deaf and hearing-impaired children for 25 years. Moe has been married to Stephen Keller for 48 years and has two adult children.

TESS KUNIK
Tess is Liv’s sister. She was born and raised in Colorado and is a Philadelphia based Theatre Artist, Designer, and Teaching Artist. She attended the University of the Arts where she graduated in 2013 with a BFA in Theatre Arts. Tess is honored to be a collaborator with Ninth Planet, a performance collective that “creates opportunities for people of color, women, queer and trans people in Philadelphia to participate in the making, performing, and producing of community-powered performance.” Her most recent collaboration with Ninth Planet combined her love for theatre and early childhood development in a production called Homeworld, a performance installation for babies 3-18 months and their caregivers. She collaborated on Homeworld as a co-creator, performer, and designer of the baby-safe installation and props. From 2015-2020 she served as teaching artist, designer, and stage manager, for a non-profit Theatre Education Organization and later brought theatre programming to schools in the
Greater Philadelphia Area as their Education and Outreach Manager. Tess is passionate about collaboration and storytelling and its power to educate, inspire, and start conversations. She is dedicated to cultivating confidence in those who wish to tell their own stories. Here's to Sweet Liv, Tess' most beloved collaborator and inspiration.

LISSIE
Lissie Maurus was raised in the riverside town of Rock Island, Illinois, and she drew upon those blue-collar Midwestern origins to create her own form of indie folk music. The granddaughter of an international barbershop quartet champion, she grew up singing in theater productions, eventually picking up the guitar and playing her own songs at local coffee shops as a teenager. Lissie was also something of a rebel; she got thrown out of high school during her senior year, spent a brief period at Colorado State University, relocated to Paris for a semester, and eventually ditched college altogether to pursue her music career. Returning to the U.S., Lissie headed west and settled in Los Angeles, where she became a fixture on the local venue circuit and landed a national tour opening for Lenny Kravitz. Lissie’s music had already appeared on shows like The O.C., Veronica Mars, and House by the time she moved to California, and she widened her fan base by launching a weekly songwriter’s circle at her local bar, Crane's Hollywood Tavern, and releasing a self-titled EP. Things truly began picking up speed in 2009, though, when Lissie released the dusky Why You Runnin' (partly recorded in the U.K.) and toured the country alongside Ray LaMontagne. Although she also made several appearances in America -- including a standout performance at the Bonnaroo Music Festival and a single date with the rebooted Lilith Fair -- Lissie spent most of her time touring Europe, where her debut record, Catching a Tiger, was released in June. An American release followed in August, courtesy of Fat Possum Records. Featuring production from a handful of artists including Jacquire King, Julian Emery, and Ed Harcourt, Catching a Tiger built upon Lissie's folkie California sound with a commercial appeal that helped land it in the Top Five of the U.S. Billboard Folk Albums chart and number 12 on the U.K. Albums chart. After an extensive period touring, particularly in the U.K., Lissie returned to the studio in 2012 with producer Garrett "Jacknife" Lee -- who had also produced albums for Snow Patrol and Robbie Williams -- to work on a follow-up. In October 2013, Lissie delivered her second full-length album, the glossy, '80s soft rock-influenced Back to Forever. The covers EP Cryin' to You followed a year later. In 2016, Lissie released her third studio effort, the Curt Schneider-produced My Wild West. Recorded in Los Angeles, Ojai, and Nashville, the album had a moody, noir-ish feel. It debuted at 16 in the U.K. and 171 on Billboard and was followed in the autumn by Live at Union Chapel. Lissie relocated to Iowa in 2017 and wrote the album that became Castles, a stripped-back, direct record released in March 2018. She continued to pare things down on 2019's When I’m Alone: The Piano Retrospective, which featured solo piano versions of her old songs.
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JENNIFER LONGTIN
Jennifer Longtin founded JLongtin Law to serve the community's criminal defense needs in a new way. Dedicated to serving the mentally ill who are involved in the criminal justice system; she litigates issues of competency, sanity, and uses a client's situation and history to find treatment alternatives to incarceration. Jennifer has worked with veterans, those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury, individuals with serious mental illnesses and mood disorders, victims of domestic violence, and the developmentally delayed, to make sure that the prosecution understands how their unique life experiences play into their current situation and needs. Jennifer is dedicated to moving both the criminal justice system and the legal profession into the future. She serves as the Alternative Defense Counsel Representative to the Colorado General Assembly's Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders in the Criminal Justice System to provide a voice, at the state level, for the concerns of clients in the system. Jennifer is a board member of NAMI Colorado, where she supports families and individuals, across the state, in finding compassionate support for their mental health needs. Jennifer is also involved in providing training to community members and attorneys, in Colorado and across the United States, in mental health specific representation. In addition, Jennifer is a Litigation Counsel of America Fellow, a recognition reserved for top trial and appellate lawyers in the bar. Jennifer constantly strives to make JLongtin Law the best firm to represent our clients’ needs.
LP
American singer and songwriter (of Italian & Irish origins — “My maternal grandparents were from Naples, my paternal grandfather was from Palermo. I should still have relatives scattered somewhere in Italy”), originally from Huntington, Long Island, New York. She performs under the name LP and that’s the name she prefers/uses in daily life as well. So far she has released six (seven) full albums (two as Lionfish) and two EP’s. LP was born on the 18th March, 1981. She graduated from Walt Whitman High School. Her father (lawyer) and brother (neurosurgeon) saw different future for LP, rather than being a singer. “I recognized that I had a vibrato which was kind of embarrassing so I didn’t really sing out too much when I was little until my mom said, well, I was in the back of a car singing along to a song and she turned it down and was like, “What is that?” And I was like, “Really? You like that?” So then I started singing out a little more and then just kept going.” LP lost her mom (opera singer) to cancer when she was a teenager and that’s when she decided to move to New York City from Huntington and pursue her dreams of being a singer. One of her first songs that came to other artist was “Love Will Keep You Up All Night”. She had written it while still at Island Def Jam Music Group with Billy Mann, and it was released in late 2007 on the Backstreet Boys album, Unbreakable. Around 2009, LP started writing songs for other artists, working extensively on the Heidi Montag album, Superficial. She co-wrote the single, “More Is More”, as well as the album tracks, “Twisted”, “Hey Boy”, and “Love It or Leave It”. She also co-wrote other tracks for and with Montag, such as the Cathy Dennis co-write, “Look How I’m Doin”, “I Do This”, and “Who’s That Girl”. A song she wrote with Alexander Kronlund, “Standing Where You Left Me”, was released on Erik Hassle’s debut UK album, Pieces. She landed her first major breakthrough as a songwriter, co-writing Rihanna’s song, “Cheers (Drink to That)”, featured on Rihanna’s fifth studio album Loud, released on November 12, 2010. “Cheers” features a vocal hook performed by LP (taken from Avril Lavigne’s “I’m with You”). LP’s major label songwriting breakthroughs continued, as she co-wrote “Beautiful People”, performed by Christina Aguilera. The song is featured on the Burlesque: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack album. In June 2011, LP co-wrote “Afraid to Sleep” which was performed by NBC’s The Voice finalist Vicci Martinez and reached #10 on iTunes Top Singles Chart. In November 2015, the second single, titled “Lost on You”, was also released, while LP held a residency at the No Vacancy club. Both songs originate from a collaboration with Mike Del Rio. “Lost on you” is the song that made LP an European phenomenon. In early 2016 she was signed by a small Greek label, followed by Italian and Polish, (amongst few others), who sold her songs to European radio stations and that’s how LP was finally recognized as an artist, at least in Europe, though USA is catching up. An EP titled Death Valley was released on June 17, 2016. EP was followed by LP titled ‘Lost on you’, released on 9th December 2016 in several European countries and Canada. In the USA “Lost On You” album was released on the 5th of May 2017.
BABU GEORGE MATHEW

Babu George Mathew is the President on the board of directors of NAMI Colorado. He currently serves as the Secretary of the NAMI State President’s Council and as a member of the national Advisory Group of NAMI Faithnet. Before moving to the United States from India in 1994, he had over two decades of experience in sales and marketing in the printing and graphic arts industry. Babu has been a part of a local NAMI Family Support group from 2015. He is a certified teacher for the NAMI Family-to-Family Education program and Program Leader for the NAMI Friends & Family program. From early 2019, Babu has been leading an outreach to the interfaith and South Asian communities as part of NAMI Colorado’s Strategic Plan on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

TIFFANY MORGAN

Tiffany Morgan BIO: Tiffany Morgan, the Chief of Staff and Director of Training at Warrior NOW, endeavors to be a bridge between veterans and mental health. She comes from a long line of military service on both sides of her family, which led her to serve in the U.S. Navy from 1997-2001 as an Aviation Ordnanceman. After leaving active duty she married a fellow Sailor and obtained her bachelor’s degree in Psychology, which she has been using in the community mental health field for close to 15 years, and specifically within the veteran community for 4 years. She recently started her own business, Your Weapon is Your Mind, where she teaches about cultural competence in the military/veteran/family community, as well as other mental health related topics. She also mentors in the 1st and 18th Judicial Veteran Treatment Courts with WarriorNOW.

CAROLINE O’NEILL

Caroline has been a student of yoga for the past twenty years, a student of meditation for the past ten, and a teacher of both for the past eight. Working with the breath to quiet the mind is a powerful tool for her in managing her anxiety and tapping into her sense of inner peace and stillness. She likes to remind her students: Calm the body and the mind will follow. Teaching yoga and meditation for Caroline is a way to give back to the Universe all of the gifts that these practices have offered to her. She is also a lawyer by training and for the past eight years has worked on mental health policy initiatives in her role at Otsuka America Pharmaceutical as Director of State Government Affairs and Advocacy for the Northeast. She live in Brooklyn with her wife and two sons, and is a BIG fan of fly fishing in Colorado!
HEATHER PELSER
Heather Pelser is the Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator for El Paso County and the Colorado National Collaborative Coordinator for Pueblo County. Heather worked for 10 years in the El Paso County child welfare system where she lost a teenage client to suicide. She recently earned her Master of Social Work degree in which she completed a year long internship at Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention. Heather was hired as the Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator in June 2018. She is involved in several state and local suicide prevention initiatives and has provided QPR Training to over 600 professionals and community members throughout El Paso and Pueblo Counties. She is a single parent to two teenagers, one of which lost his best friend to suicide and lives with chronic suicidal ideation.

ANN POGUE
Ann Pogue is an Assistant Attorney General in the Human Services Unit at the Attorney’s General Office. At the AG’s Office Ann represents the Colorado Department of Human Services, spending the majority of her time serving as counsel for the Office of Behavioral Health, which includes the Colorado Mental Health Institutes. Ann also represents the Colorado Department of Human Services in the DLC v. Barnes federal litigation related to wait times for individuals receiving competency services in the state criminal justice system. Prior to her time at the AG’s Office, Ann was a Deputy District Attorney for almost 8 years in the 18th Judicial District, spending several years prosecuting crimes against children in the Special Victims Unit. A Texas native, Ann especially appreciates the beauty and outdoor opportunities found in Colorado. When Ann isn’t quarantined at home with two little boys, she loves getting out to hike and run in the mountains.

THERESA SCHIAVONE
Theresa Schiavone is a mental healthcare advocate, NAMI volunteer, and member of the NAMI Colorado Public Policy Committee. She began her advocacy work when she realized her disabled child was not going to get important services unless she fought for them. She also came to understand that services for Coloradans were limited. She set out to try to change that by advocating for legislation that would support "best practices" in caring for people with disabilities. One of her proudest accomplishments was work she did with the Colorado Center on Law and Policy to help pass the "Social Security Disability Application Assistance" statute which provides navigation services for disabled state residents to complete difficult Social Security applications. (It suffered COVID cuts, but it is still very much alive.) Theresa has degrees in English, French, and Education from Long Island University. She retired from a teaching position in Cherry Creek Schools in which she created concurrent enrollment programs for promising students to earn college credit for English classes in high school. She taught foreign languages in Aurora, using a kitchen and the chance to prepare international cuisine to motivate children to learn French and Spanish. For about 25 years Theresa worked in Denver as a journalist. She created an artist profile series for public television. She
hosted NPR's *Morning Edition* in Denver for twelve years and did special reports for NPR's Cultural Desk. She also reported for several Denver radio and television stations. Theresa wrote magazine articles in Denver focused on the performing arts. She wrote marketing materials for the opening of the Buell Theatre in the Denver Performing Arts Complex. And she wrote oral arguments for hearings to save the Denver Auditorium Theater, now the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. She now writes about important programs for disabled Coloradans and opportunities to support them through advocacy on her blog coloradomentalhealthreport.com.

**JAGRUTI SHAH**

Jagruti Shah started her career serving individuals with behavioral health needs involved in the criminal justice system after she graduated with a Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology from the University of Denver in 2004. She worked at the Denver Women’s Correctional Facility and a large community corrections facility for the early part of her career as a clinician and Clinical Director. She then moved into public health policy work at the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing. For the last 12 years she has worked at the Colorado Department of Human Services - Office of Behavioral Health where she implemented the statewide Jail Based Behavioral Health Services programs, Co-responder programs, the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion programs, the Transition Specialist Program and led the Criminal Justice Services Team. In August 2019 she moved into the role of the Forensic Services Division Director where she oversees the efforts, services and programs related to the competency services lawsuit and Consent Decree. When she’s not working, she loves spending time with her family. Weekends are full of kids sporting activities, yard work, short weekend trips to the mountains. She loves to travel and jumps at any opportunity to make a trip to somewhere new.

**COREY SHIVELY**

Mr. Shively has been seriously studying and building businesses for over 14 years. He has built, managed, and capitalized several entities including non-profits, entertainment companies and marketing firms to name a few. Shively has employed artists such as SNOOP DOGG, E-40 & MACK 10 to promote his companies but has also developed several campaigns and initiatives for organizations such as American Cancer Society, Fraternal Order of Police and the State of Colorado for AYBOS. His background before marketing consulting is in professional fund raising and communications. Shively has recently expanded his education into IT and has attained one of the highest collegiate distinctions into the Honor Society, to compliment his many years of digital communications experience. Shively has designed AYBOS Marketing and its socially responsible arm, AYBOS Advocacy to change Colorado into the most efficient trauma-informed, conscience, and responsive state through the Rebuild Your Mind Trauma & Mental Health Challenge. The Challenge is making history as the first of its kind to have neuropsychologist, deputies, inmates, and a small business fighting for a common cause! AYBOS has secured stakeholders and support from global and national organizations alike to include but not limited to: Fraternal Order of Police, University of Denver, National Association of State Head Injury
Administrators, Colorado Super Lawyers Firm J Longtin Law, and more. (see rebuildyourmind.org for more info)

**DJ STANDELL**
(By Day) Manager US Business Planning & Analysis
(By Night) Creator – THE MIA PROJECT
DJ currently manages the business analysis function at an oil and gas company. 16 years into his career as a highly analytical and highly functioning person with zero history or disposition to mental illness his life was dramatically impacted in May 2014 when he experienced psychosis and was later diagnosed with mental illness.

**MARCHELL TAYLOR**
Mr. Taylor has been studying business for over 18 years, with a focus on marketing for the last 12. He has written several books about business, marketing and is working on his latest book on neuropsychological brain functions from a patient’s perspective. He has developed several campaigns and initiatives for organizations such as AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE and the State of Colorado for AYBOS. Mr. Taylor has directed AYBOS Marketing LLC to social responsibility through AYBOS Advocacy to change Colorado into the most efficient trauma-informed, conscience, and responsive state through the Rebuild Your Mind Trauma & Mental Health Challenge. The Challenge is making history as the first of its kind to have neuropsychologist, deputies, inmates, and a small business fighting for a common cause! As Communication Director Mr. Taylor has secured stakeholders and support from global and national organizations alike to include but not limited to: Fraternal Order of Police, University of Denver, National Association of State Head Injury Administrators, Colorado Super Lawyers Firm J Longtin Law, and more. (see rebuildyourmind.org for more info)

**MATTHEW TAYLOR**
Matthew is an award-winning author, professional actor, storyteller and narrative coach has been entertaining audiences throughout the United States and internationally for the last twenty-five years. Transplanted to Colorado from the small sailing village of Itchenor, England, Matthew is a partner of A.C.E. Entertainment, which has written and produced over twenty-five original shows. Encouraged from the popularity of the A.C.E. show, Tales of an Englishman, Matthew continued to commit his stories to paper, which have now been compiled into the book, Goat Lips: Tales of a Lapsed Englishman. Goat Lips is an Amazon best seller, received the Independent Publishers Book Awards Gold Medal for Humor and was a National Indie Excellence Award, and USA Best Book Awards Finalist. Matthew not only teaches storytelling but also loves telling stories. He is a two-time Moth Story Slam winner and the current Moth Denver Grand Slam
Champion. He formed Persuasion through Narrative in 2010 to teach communication skills through harnessing the power of story and has quickly gained a strong reputation as a speaker and business educator, especially within the legal profession, educational institutions, and with entrepreneurs. Matthew loves to bike, ski, sail, and is a proud husband to Susan, and father to Maitland and Alastair who keep him laughing constantly.

BRITTANY WARD
Vice President of Finance, HR, and IT. Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners – Denver, CO. Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners provides in-the-moment behavioral health crisis services to Colorado, free of charge to individuals, through phone and electronic messaging (text). This includes services like in-the-moment stabilization, early intervention, peer (lived-experience) support, follow up care for Crisis Lines and Emergency Department partners, referral into ongoing treatment to all Coloradans – regardless of geography, income, race, gender, etc. Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners is the local National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provider for the State of Colorado, the provider of the statewide Colorado Crisis and Support Lines and serves as the front door to Colorado Crisis Services programs. (IT stuff) Between Colorado Crisis Service programs, follow up services, Lifeline services, National Gambling helpline services, and various fee-for-service lines of business; we currently answer approximately 25 different crisis phone lines – which all get unique call patterns and protocols for handling. All of our activity also gets charted in our electronic Caller Database (EHR). Data reporting activity is derived from data gathered in both phone and database systems, and serves to inform internal staffing and QA, external funders with activity reports, and overall allows up to ‘tell the story’ of crisis needs in Colorado.

DIANA VARCO
Diana Varco (Writer/Performer) - Diana Varco is a UCB/Groundlings trained expert improvisor, storyteller and actress using humor to heal. She recently appeared on You Can Do Better on truTV, Sorry, Not Sorry on Seriously.tv and was featured on the front page of Comedy Cake, Funny or Die, and Whohaha in the sketch The Least Bad. Diana also co-created and co-produced Ladies Night (LadyJam/Fempire) from 2012-2017 with That’s What She Said Improv Group, as well as co-created and co-produced the improv based web series Riding Buddies with Carolyn Jania. Visit www.dianavarco.com to see what Diana is up to next!
BRENDA MAGSAMEN  
Brenda Magsamen is the In Our Own Voice/Development/Special Projects Coordinator at NAMI Colorado. She has been involved with fundraising, grant research, In Our Own Voice Trainings and reaching out to the community educating about mental health and stigmas as a trained presenter for the NAMI program In Our Own Voice. Before this role, Brenda worked on multiple successful startups for MRI, CAT scan and diagnostic radiology. In Brenda’s spare time she enjoys volunteering for many causes, listening to multiple styles of music, travel and visiting her three incredible children.

ALLISON DALEY  
Allison Daley, J.D., is an Assistant City Attorney with the City & County of Denver in the Mental Health Unit. The Unit handles mental health certifications, including involuntary medication, electroconvulsive therapy, and feeding tube administration, as well as involuntary commitments for substance use and extreme risk protection orders. Prior to her work with Denver, Allison was a Legislative & Policy Advocate for Colorado Counties Inc. lobbying on behavioral health, human services, and criminal justice issues. Allison graduated from University of Colorado Law in 2016 and holds an undergraduate degree from Boston University in Psychology with a minor in Public Health.

NIELLE McCAMMON  
Nielle McCammon is a Colorado transplant originally hailing from Arizona. She feels truly lucky to have met a wonderful man to which she is marrying in November. Otherwise her full-time job is managing her mental health, with the current hobby being world dance.
BILL MARTINEZ
Bill is the Program Director for Forensic Community Based Services (FCBS) which is the outpatient-aftercare program for persons adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI). FCBS provides early in-reach support to persons identified as eligible to transition from inpatient to community-based treatment. This in-reach provides the foundation for safe and seamless transition to the community for NGRI patients. After discharge from the Colorado Mental Health Institute, patients/clients continue to receive intensive case management and, when needed, psychiatric care and consultation from the FCBS team. Bill received his BA in Political Science from The Colorado College with a Thematic Minor in Theories of Ethics. After receiving his JD from the University of Colorado, School of Law, Bill joined the Colorado State Public Defender’s Office where he represented persons with mental and behavioral health disorders. From 2007-2009, Bill represented, exclusively, persons committed to the Colorado Department of Human Services.

JORDAN CHISHOLM
Jordan joined the Board of Directors in 2018. “NAMI provided my own family hope, education and support during an incredibly terrifying time. I am honored to be a part of an organization whose mission is simple yet critical: to shed light on the inherent struggle that is mental illness and provide help to those it affects - while at the same time, dispel the stigma that it is assigned by society.” Jordan has a BA from the University of Colorado in International Spanish for the Professions with a minor in Business Administration. She works in the financial industry. Jordan is trained as an "In Our Own Voice" presenter.

KATE POWER
Kate Power has worked as a Boulder Assistant County Attorney since 2016. Her caseload includes mental health, child support and child protection cases. Kate graduated cum laude from the University of Maine School of Law, where she worked as a student attorney in a human rights and refugee law clinic. Outside of the office, Kate enjoys running, brewing beer, and hanging out with her fiancé and their puppies, Juniper and Sammy.
JONATHAN HORST
Hello my name is Jonathan Horst, I am 31 and live in Westminster. I am originally from Lancaster Pennsylvania. I was diagnosed with depression and anxiety in 2005, then it was switched to major depression and anxiety complex post traumatic stress disorder disorder and borderline in 2020. I have been involved with NAMI since 2016.

RAY CAMERON
Ray is a third generation Colorado native and enjoys hiking, fly fishing and backpacking. He lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, Amy, and they are the proud parents of three adult children. Ray has been doing digital marketing for over 13 years and is the digital marketing director at Magneti. In addition to being an IOOV presenter, Ray helps lead a Connection weekly support group.

KRISTIN JONES
Kristin has a bachelor’s degree in mass communications from Ohio State University. She spent several years in health care sales and marketing and was then transferred to Colorado; a dream of her’s since childhood. Once in Colorado, she became a ski bum and left corporate America to become a professional ski patrol specialist, EMT and also obtained an explosives permit so she could create avalanches before they became a major danger to the public. She volunteered for NAMI for years including working as a co-coordinator of the In Our Own Voice program in Santa Clara, CA. Kristin is now an IOOV (In Our Own Voice) speaker, Connections Facilitator and Peer to Peer Leader in Colorado. She hopes to bring NAMI programs into the state prison systems as mental health is so prevalent among the inmate population there. Kristin loves to travel, is an avid scuba diver and enjoys her first love which is skiing in beautiful Colorado.