



**EL DORADO COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

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Mental Health Division

April 30, 2013

Rural Mental Health Community Dialogue Grant Review Committee
c/o Runyon Saltzman & Einhorn
One Capitol Mall, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: National Alliance on Mental Illness's (NAMI) Application for a Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Initiative Small and Frontier County Mental Health Community Dialogue Grant

Dear Members of the Grant Review Committee:

El Dorado County would like to acknowledge the Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Small and Frontier County Mental Health Community Dialogue Grant application being submitted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in El Dorado County.

The mission of NAMI in El Dorado County is "to provide emotional support, education, awareness, and resources for families whose lives have been affected by mental illness." NAMI works with individuals and families who experience the type of stigma and discrimination this Community Dialogue Grant seeks to reduce, and they work with the community to raise awareness about mental illness.

El Dorado County believes NAMI will bring a unique perspective to the dialogue given their experience, meeting the goals of the Community Dialogue Grant application through local collaborative community dialogue, which will include various organizations within El Dorado County, as well as community and political leaders.

El Dorado County appreciates our community partners' activities, including those of the CRC, in raising awareness about mental health issues and working towards the reduction of stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness.

Sincerely,

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