Keynote and Featured Speakers

**Major Sam Cochran (ret.)** - is nationally known for his work developing the CIT model. He was the Coordinator of the Memphis Police Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) which started in 1988 from a collaboration with the local NAMI affiliate. Sam is nationally known for his work in the field of crisis intervention. In addition to receiving the City University of New York (CUNY) John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement News Person of the Year Award (2000), the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) has named their annual law enforcement advocacy award after Sam Cochran. He has worked with police departments throughout the nation as well as departments in Canada, Australia, and England.

**Ericka Dunlap**

Ericka Dunlap is an award-winning Public Relations Strategist, Entrepreneur, Community Advocate, TV Show Host, Amazing Racer and iconic American Beauty Queen, better known as Miss America 2004. As a suicide survivor, Ms. Dunlap is a supporter for mental health awareness and wellness and is a friend to NAMI. She is the CEO of Crown Comm Group, a multi-disciplinary, strategic consulting firm based in Orlando where she and her team integrate diversity relations and community engagement with positive publicity.
**Wesley Evans**

In 2007 he was among the first class of Peer Specialist in the state of Florida and obtained Certification as a Recovery Peer Specialist; he has trained hundreds of individuals across Florida as Recovery Peer Specialist. Wesley is also a Wellness Recovery Action Plan Facilitator. In 2014 he received an award from the Jacksonville Mayor’s Disability Council, recognizing him as a shining example in the Jacksonville workforce who has not allowed a disability to impede his success. He has experience in multiple system levels, including Managing Entity, criminal justice, and community behavioral health services. Today he is the State-wide Coordinator of Integration and Recovery Services for Program Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. For the Florida Department of Children and Families. He is coordinating Florida’s efforts through strong stakeholder partnerships to transform its behavioral health system; to improve service delivery through adoption of recovery-oriented concepts and practices. He utilizes his personal and professional experience to provide mutual recovery support, system analysis, and management consultation. He enjoys inspiring new perspectives.

**Kelley Griffin**

Director, Field Resource Development, NAMI National. Kelly is determined to make the world a better place through mission-driven work. She develops organizational strategy, leads creation of strategic plans, drives strategy execution and guides change management processes. Kelly provides long-term vision and strategy for developing sustainable funding mechanisms for NAMI State Organizations and Affiliates. She led the development of the 2020-2025 NAMI Strategic Plan.
**Liz Miller** - Elizabeth Miller is the state president, Florida, of WellCare Health Plans, Inc. She has responsibility for WellCare's Medicaid and Medicare Advantage businesses across Florida including strategy, regulatory compliance, network management, sales and marketing, medical management, finance and administration.

**Justin Volpe** - Justin is a Certified Recovery Peer Support Specialist working with the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project, Jail Diversion Program since 2008. As a successful graduate of the program, Justin has firsthand knowledge of the importance of ensuring the availability of timely, high quality behavioral health treatment services in the community. After experiencing a series of psychiatric health care crises several years ago - which led to a period of unstable living conditions and brief involvement in the justice system - Justin became engaged in treatment and support services in the community. Today, he enjoys a full and productive life in recovery, serving as an inspiration and role model for others. Justin has also served as a consultant speaking nationally and locally with Miami Dade CIT Training, sharing his message of hope and inspiration. His experiences make him uniquely qualified to speak to the importance of ensuring people have access to care, as well as the unfortunate consequences that can result when they do not.