MEMO

To: NAMI Leaders (FL, GA, LA, OH, OK, TX)
From: NAMI Research Study
Date: February 1, 2022

RE: Seeking participants for focus group on accessing behavioral health care through Medicaid

Do you know people, including program participants or volunteers, who may be interested in providing feedback on their experiences accessing behavioral health care through Medicaid? If so, please forward the message below.

Are you interested in improving our understanding of what it is like to access behavioral health care through Medicaid? If you have health insurance coverage through Medicaid and have tried to access care for a mental health or substance use condition within the past two years, or you are the parent or guardian of a person under 18 who has, we would appreciate hearing from you.

NAMI is working with a national partner in the behavioral health field to learn more about people’s experiences with access mental health and substance use care. We are currently seeking participants in FL, GA, LA, OH, OK, and TX to participate in a series of virtual focus groups.

If you are interested in participating in a virtual focus group, please use the following link to complete a brief application: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MedicaidFocusGroup

Individuals selected to participate in a virtual focus group will be notified by email no later than Friday, February 25th. Focus group sessions will be conducted over Zoom during the month of March 2022. In each session, up to 10 individuals will participate in a 60-minute conversation led by NAMI. Please note that participants must have access to a computer, laptop, or smartphone with internet access.

We value your time and lived experience. Individuals who participate in a virtual focus group will receive a $25 digital gift card.

Thank you for contributing to this valuable research on access to behavioral health care through Medicaid.

Questions? Please see our Frequently Asked Questions document at nami.org/MedicaidFocusGroup or contact us at researchstudy@nami.org.