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Dear APNA Colleague,

As a psychiatric nurse, you have more contact with patients and their families than any other members of the treatment team. Therefore, you are aware of the great needs that people living with mental illness have and the advocacy efforts of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI and APNA believe that we have a shared mission of improving the quality of care for all people living with mental illness.

Because of our strong joint interest in support, advocacy and treatment, we'd like you to join us at this year's NAMI National Convention. The NAMI Convention will enable you to further understand the complexity of issues that an individual living with mental illness confronts every day, the ingenuity and steadfastness thousands of NAMI members have brought and will continue to bring to overcoming these challenges and the richness of the support NAMI, as individuals and as an organization, offers to people whose lives are affected by mental illness. It will bring new depth to your professional life, new insights in how to care for your patients and clients, and, experiencing the boundless optimism and the boundless energy evident everywhere at the NAM convention, it's sure to give a lift to your spirits.

The NAMI 2010 National Convention is scheduled for June 30 – July 3 at the Hilton Washington—in the heart of Dupont Circle in Washington, D.C. As a psychiatric nurse, we think the most beneficial day for you to attend the convention is Friday, July 2—but you are welcome to join us any other day or for the entire convention. We are pleased to offer you the same registration fee we offer to our own members--\$100 for a full day of convention activities or \$235 for a full registration.

We are pleased to be able to offer nursing CE contact hours for this meeting.

Take a look at our website— www.nami.org/convention and then register. You can register at the reduced member rate by inputting the code **APNA** after the member ID request.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please e-mail Hanem Ali at NAMI (hanem@nami.org). We look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Fitzpatrick".

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, M.S.W.
Executive Director, NAMI

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Croce, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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