



NACBHDD MEMBER TESTIMONIAL

*Community Mental Health Association of Michigan's view on the benefits of involvement in NACBHDD
(contact information below)*

NACBHDD is:

- ▶ The only voice, at the national level, for the nation's county-based public mental health system.
- ▶ The only voice for the full set of populations served by the nation's public mental health system:
 - ❖ Persons with mental illness
 - ❖ Persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities
 - ❖ Persons with substance use disorders

Participation in NACBHDD allows you to:

- ◀ have a very direct hand (with a very small group of leaders of the public mental health system from across the country) in crafting the positions and actions of NACBHDD
- ◀ have access to In-depth policy analysis and on-going review and analysis of policy-related issues and initiatives moving at the federal stage and at states across the country
- ◀ connect face-to-face with prominent subject-matter experts in dialogue-rich small group settings
- ◀ connect directly to the National Association of Counties (NACo) of which NACBHDD is an affiliate

Methods of participation:

1. Attend the annual Legislative and Policy Conference which provides:
 - unprecedented access to and dialogue with prominent national subject-matter experts in small group settings
 - like no other national association, policy review, analysis and dialogue around the unique role of the public mental health system
2. Involvement in NACBHDD committees, via conference calls, to guide the development of the stance of NACBHDD and a number of resources for use by NACBHDD members across the country.
3. Use NACBHDD resources to take advocacy action, with members of Congress, on a range of federal issues, as identified and analyzed by NACBHDD.
4. Use the NACBHDD resources, sent regularly to NACBHDD members, to ensure that your organization is able to make sense of, respond to and pre-empt a range of national, regional, and state-level issues.
5. Serve on the NACBHDD Board of Directors to allow you: access to other public mental health leaders from across the country.

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Above are my thoughts, driven by a discussion at the NACBHDD Board meeting, of **the value of NACBHDD membership and participation**, by county-based mental health centers and their allies and stakeholders. - July 2018

Would you like to have a conversation with Robert about his experience in detail? He would be delighted to speak with you and see you at our next meeting.

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