



NAMI-MOORE COUNTY NEWS & VIEWS

Adding to Knowledge, Promoting Wellbeing and Reducing Suffering
among Families with Stigmatizing Brain Diseases

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Monday, May 5, 2014
7:00 pm
Pinehurst Police Dept.

Diverting Drug Offenders to Treatment Saves Money

A Study Funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse

On February 14, the National Institute of Drug Abuse reported that California “Reaped Large Savings by Diverting Drug-using Offenders into Treatment.” These changes came about as a result of new legislation, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (also known as Proposition 36).

Proposition 36 permitted the parole of convicted drug offenders if they did not have any pending drug-related charges, or history of violent behavior. These criteria are broader than the usual parole policies of drug courts, so there was not a precedent for predicting the outcome of this legislation.

Treatment did not change before and after the passage of Proposition 36; and that has enabled researchers to measure costs before and after its approval by California voters. They compared the costs for 42,000 offenders post-legislation with 47,000 prior to this law.

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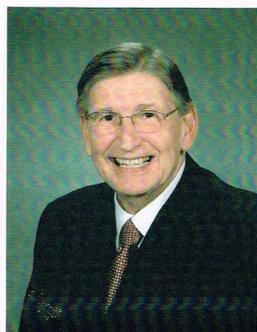


The study showed a net cost reduction of \$2300 per offender; which was principally related to decreases in the length of incarceration post-conviction.

Moreover there was no increase in recidivism; nor was the success rate any less than it had been for other treatment groups; who were thought to be at low risk for relapse. Furthermore, there was a reduction in repeat offenses that likely led to future, additional, long term savings, though these weren't included in the comparison. State-wide the calculated savings amounted to close to \$100 million dollars during the program's first year alone. In addition, this legislation could be expected to help reduce the overcrowding crisis in California's Prison System.

The Death of Jess V. Krall Husband of Interim President, NAMI-MC Judith Krall

Jess V. Krall, 76, of Pinehurst, died on Thursday morning, March 27, 2014, at the FirstHealth Rehabilitation Center in Pinehurst where he was getting physical therapy for a generalized muscular weakness that he'd had for months. This condition had defied diagnosis, both locally and at the University of North Carolina Medical Center at Chapel Hill. His condition was further complicated by a fractured hip superimposed upon his chronic congestive heart failure; and despite an operation to treat his hip fracture, his condition continued to deteriorate.



Jess V. Krall

He was born on Oct. 31, 1937, in Meadowlands, Pa., to the late Rev. Franklin H. Krall and Alice M. Krall; and he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judith; one daughter, A. Jene Krall, of Winston-Salem, and two sons, Jesse K. Krall, of Wheeling, West Virginia and Trace N. Krall, of Morgantown, West Virginia. He and Judith met in high school in 1954. He was a retired real estate broker from Wheeling, WV.

Jess was nonetheless well enough to have enjoyed watching the Super Bowl with his wife Judith on Sunday February 2nd and despite the fact that his attempts to recover were repeatedly frustrated, he was not one to complain. I last remember seeing him at his home in Pinewild upon his having returned from his hospitalization at UNC; he had kept his usual cheery, gracious and complementary spirit in spite of his worsening illnesses.

Jess and Judith met in high school. They had been married for 54 Years.

Jess was instrumental in founding NAMI Greater Wheeling Area and was Treasurer for several years. He traveled WV with Judith to form affiliates for the newly-formed state organization.

Memorial donations can be made in memory of Jess Krall to the Greater Wheeling Area NAMI, Marian House Project, P.O. Box 6027, Wheeling, WV 26003 or NAMI Moore County, P.O. Box 4823, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Moore County's NAMI-On-Campus at Sandhills Community College --A March 30th Interview with Co-founder and President Chris Laughlin--

NAMI--On Campus--at Sandhills Community College (SCC) sprang into existence one year ago in March of 2013. The three founding members / officers included Chris Laughlin President, Samantha Garrison Secretary-Treasurer and John Ambrosio, Vice President. Each is also an individual member of NAMI – Moore County. SCC Career Counselor Randy Foster volunteered to fill the role of a faculty advisor; and Jennifer Rothman from NAMI-NC provided the encouragement and support from NAMI-North Carolina in the form of an onsite visit and delivery of a NAMI on Campus Start Up Kit.



NAMI-at-SCC soon after its inception encountered some obstacles, as most organizations do with their startups; and as a result, NAMI-on-Campus at SCC has now entered a transition period. Chris' family responsibilities have for the moment required his presence away from Campus, and have precluded his continuing course work there for the immediate future.

SCC Policy requires that club officers and members be students currently enrolled in course work at the College and they therefore lose their student status if course work is interrupted or upon graduation.

Samantha will graduate this coming May which will have this same effect unless she continues to take courses thereafter. John Ambrosio has graduated but continues to take classes and therefore retains his student status.

March of 2013 was less than a propitious month for the formation of any new club, because the end of the semester in May was just around the corner. That left little time to obtain a place to meet and to

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arrange for an initial meeting-time; so that the first official meeting remains to be conducted. In the interim, Chris has identified two interested contacts so that there is the potential for reinstating the activity when the time is right.



A Spelling Bee to Advance Literacy

Introducing the Bees— Panic, Manic and Frantic

(See how well their colors match those of the real bee)



Also Known as: from Left to Right--Barb Mellinger, Ellen Airs and Barb Lamblin

On Thursday, February 6th 2014, our team of Manic, Panic and Frantic representing NAMI- Moore County competed in the Tenth Annual Spelling Bee; that was put on by the Moore County Literacy Council. Held at the Pinecrest High School, each of sixteen, three-person teams competed for a trophy, but first each performed a skit. For example, Boles Funeral Home made enough noise to wake the dead with its skit, which included a 10th birthday [celebrating the tenth anniversary of the spelling bee] cake from which “Elvis” popped out and danced.

During the First Round, each team got warm-up words; which were no-brainers to spell, and no team missed a word. During the next three rounds, however, the words became progressively harder, and NAMI-Moore County stumbled on the word “cannaller.” [Hey where’s that word in the dictionary anyway?]

With the funds raised by admission fees, sponsors and donations, the Moore County Literacy Council works to improve the reading and writing skills of 100-plus adults.

Please know how much we enjoyed the antics of Panic, Manic and Frantic!

COMING NEXT NEWSLETTER:

“Cannabis (Pronounced CAN’ a Bis) is one of the most highly abused illicit drugs in the world. Several studies suggest a link between cannabis and schizophrenia. An understanding of this link would have significant implications for legalization of cannabis use and its medicinal value.”

*“A Controlled Family Study Of Cannabis Users with and Without Psychosis”
Ashley C. Proal, Schizophrenia Research, January 2014*



Cannabis (Marijuana) Use and Schizophrenia: Three Alternative Hypotheses (Questions)

(Given the fact that genetic factors do raise the risk of schizophrenia)

Hypothesis # 1: If a patient uses cannabis, does that raise the risk of developing schizophrenia?

(Versus)

Hypothesis # 2: If a patient has schizophrenia, does that raise the risk of becoming a cannabis user, perhaps to self-medicate?

(Versus)

Hypothesis # 3: Given that a patient has a genetic predisposition to schizophrenia and becomes a cannabis user, does the interaction between these two factors elevate the risk of schizophrenia above what it would have been otherwise?

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(Please do not park in the Police Department Lot)

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