

John Hoelzel Bio

NAMI GFC /Mental Illness Experience:

I am currently President of NAMI GFC. I do all the NAMI GFC grant writing and execution leadership. I was on the board of MHMRST and liaison trustee to the Planning & Network Advisory Committee. I have served on the CCMHMR Board of trustees and chaired their Advisory Committee, as well as serving on the State TEXAMI Board, and have been a member and President of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Collin County (AMICCO), and have been a member of Dallas AMI for many years. My experiences of learning, and serving in the field of mental illness began when my son Michael had an onset of mental illness around 1980, and has continued since then. At the request of MHMRST I started the MH Good News Peer group that meets at MHMR for socialization and MH educational topics. I set up a partnership with Texoma Council of Governments whereby NAMI GFC offices in their building and provides mental illness consultations for clients of their 211 information and referral dial in program. I arranged for teaching Texas Team Solutions (Eli Lily curriculum) to local consumers to promote peer growth in recovery and independence. I initiated our annual Mental Health Consumer Seminar at Grayson County College and arranged guest speakers and program topics (based on personal Recovery) each year. I plan special events like our Suicide Prevention Forum this year, teaching of our WHIM (With Hope in Mind) Caregiver classes, and our 3 county slide presentations on mental illness to civic groups. I previously worked on similar college mental illness seminars in Collin County. I currently write a weekly "Mental Health and You" column for our 3 county newspapers of record and for the North Texas E-News electronic newspaper.

Community Involvement:

My prior community involvement was in Collin County as summarized above. In Fannin County I teach Sunday School at 7 Oaks Nursing Home and enjoy getting to know the residents here. I am currently President of the NAMI GFC Board and facilitate the Caregiver Support Group and the Information meetings each month. I previously facilitated the Consumer Support Group.

Occupation:

January 1, 2002 I retired from Raytheon, Garland Division, after 35 years as a System Engineer. I do some occasional Space Systems consulting for Analytical Graphics with the Satellite Tool Kit product suite.

Education:

I have a B.S. in Physics and a B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Texas in Austin.

I have a M.S. in Mathematical Statistics from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

I have attended many courses, seminars and conferences on Mental Illness and have taken TDMHMR Board member training several years.

I am an expert in theory and practice of Continuous Quality Improvement and Raytheon six sigma.

Commitment:

I contribute my abilities and ideas in many innovative ways to further the mission and work of NAMI-GFC. I am interested in encouraging team solutions to provide long term, cost effective, improvement in core services to MI clients and families, and helping them meet the challenges imposed by MI. Another example of this is my work with Dallas Metrocare to secure a grant of integration of physical and mental health services.

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Background

- Oldest 2 sons (of 4 grown children) have schizophrenia; managed when they're on their medicine
- Began learning about mental illness around 1980 when our son became ill in high school

- Became a "survivor" through "Families Who've been There" MHA support group in Ft. Worth
- Served on Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Collin Co. (AMICCO) board and as past president in Plano
- Serving on National Alliance on Mentally Illness of Grayson, Fannin, Cooke Co. (NAMI GFC) board as president
- Served on the state TEXAMI board; took Fund Raising Course
- Served as Trustee on Collin Co. MHMR board
- Served as Trustee on MHMRST board and liaison to the Planning & Network Advisory Committee
- Led Consumer Caring and Sharing group at AMICCO for several years
- Worked with CCMHMR to get a Family Support position created, and eventually the right caring and knowledgeable person in that job. MHMR got much appreciation, service credit, and State awards through this innovative Family Support core service.
- City councilman and Mayor of Lucas, TX
- System Engineer - trained and experienced to look at the "big picture," what is needed, and how to get there from here, including risk management and progress measurement. Took many computer and software courses there, including training and practical problem certification as a Raytheon Six Sigma Specialist

Proposal Writing Skills

- Wrote and managed all the grants for NAMI GFC described in the proposal
- Helped write many successful technical proposals for several companies, including Technical and Management Volume portions
- Helped write successful proposals for Internal Research and development
- Know how to plan and prepare to write for the proposal/grant evaluator, to focus on how our features provide benefits they are looking for
- Know how to review RFPs and focus on a compliance matrix to assure all their interests are addressed clearly and beneficially by our proposal
- Know how to review our planning worksheets, draft, and written proposal products to make each submittal gain optimum impact for the reader
- Proficient in writing, computer, web, and email skills; e.g. Microsoft Office and getting pertinent information off the web; taught Computer Science at night 3 years at ETSU in Commerce, TX

Planning and Organizational Skills

- Excellent planning skills developed from writing and following engineering processes
- Experienced with Raytheon 6 Sigma process improvement tools and techniques through formal training and on the job project application
- Have given several technical papers in the area of Continuous Process Improvement
- Excellent leadership skills combine a teamwork, win-win style, with 6 sigma tool experience can be used to draw fresh insights and solutions from board

Vision and Ideas

- Vision for cutting through negatives to identify common interests, and positive contributions of various members of a project team
- Vision for identifying multiple mutual advantages (wins) achievable by meeting needs of persons with mental illness quicker, easier, more cost effectively, and with better quality of life