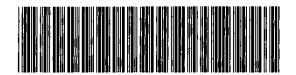
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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: NAMI Charlotte County, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

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FROM:

Ana M. Romillo

Name (Printed or typed)

P. O. Box 494177 .

Address

Port Charlotte, Florida 33949-4177 City, State & Zip

> (941) 626-5046 Daytime Telephone number

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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NAMI Charlotte County, Inc. A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose forming a not-for-profit corporation, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and we do hereby subscribe to and adopt the following as our articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is NAMI Charlotte County, Inc. and the address of the principal office of this corporation is 19325 Water Oak Drive #304, Port Charlotte, FL 33948. The mailing address of the corporation is P.O. Box 494117, Port Charlotte, FL 33949-4177.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

The mission and purpose of the corporation is to be the driving force for the care and cure of Charlotte County residents with severe mental illnesses. This mission and purpose will be accomplished by the following:

- (A) Developing a mental illness service delivery system based on a continuum of care from hospitalization to recovery;
- (B) Providing support systems, resource information, treatment, education and survival skills;
- (C) Working toward eradicating the stigma and discriminatory treatment of persons with mental illness;
- (D) Being an aggressive advocate for increased brain disorder research funding essential to the discovery of a cure for mental illnesses;
- (E) Being a unifying force for all organizations concerned for the welfare of persons with mental illnesses in Florida;
- (F) Supporting the mission of NAMI, referring issues of national importance to NAMI and assisting NAMI in advising local membership of national issues that need local support.

(G) Exercising all rights and powers conferred on not-for-profit corporations under the laws of Florida, provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific and primary charitable and educational purposes of the corporation. All of the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for those charitable and educational purposes and shall be exercised in such manner that the corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it is currently or hereafter may be in force and effect.

ARTICLE III – LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth elsewhere herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions of which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE V – QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The membership of this corporation shall consist of those persons hereinafter named as members and such other persons as, from time to time, shall become members in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporators to these articles are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Pascale Iliou	19325 Water Oak Drive #304 Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Natalie Hanners	182 Gulfview Road Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Martha Lowe	Bimini Bay Condominium Unit M103 1051 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33052-1183
Ana M. Romillo	2120 Lucky Street Port Charlotte, FL 33948

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, a 1^{st} vice-president, a 2^{nd} vice president, a secretary and a treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. No person may hold more than one office except that the Bylaws may provide that the offices of secretary and treasurer shall be combined.

ARTICLE IX – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have 15 directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws. The manner in which the directors are to be elected or appointed is as stated in the Bylaws.

- Section 2. The Directors shall be members of the corporation.
- Section 3. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership and shall hold office in accordance with provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Natalie Hanners	182 Gulfview Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Connie Holmes	96 Torrington St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Pascale Iliou	19325 Water Oak Drive #304 Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Martha Lowe	Bimini Bay Condominium Unit M103 1051 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL33052-1183
Helen Ottey	290 Gastin St., Port Charlotte, FL 33953
Ana M. Romillo	2120 Lucky Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Dalton Tininenko	Riverside Behavioral Center 733 E. Olympia Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950

ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

Bylaws of this corporation shall be made and may be altered or rescinded by majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. Notice of any special meeting shall be given as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any annual meeting of the membership or at any special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of those present.

Section 2. Amendments may also be made by the Board of Directors at any meeting of the board, provided at least ten days' notice of such proposed amendment or amendments is given to all members of the corporation by regular U.S. Mail.

ARTICLE XII - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The location of the principal office of this corporation shall be 19325 Water Oak Drive #304, Port Charlotte, FL 33948, but may, from time to time, be changed to any other location in the

State of Florida. Meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the membership may be held at any place within or outside the State of Florida, provided notice shall be given as provided by the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto subscribed her name and affixed her seal for the purpose of forming this corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, this day of , 2006. STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Ana M. Romillo, to me known to be the person described as incorporator or who produced as identification, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein stated. WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 31 st (Seal)

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING A REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE SERVICE OF PROCESS

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statues, the following is submitted:

NAMI Charlotte County, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 19325 Water Oak Drive #304, Port Charlotte, County of Charlotte, State of Florida 33948, has designated ANA M. ROMILLO, whose street address is 2120 Lucky Street, Port Charlotte, County of Charlotte, State of Florida 33948, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

NAMI CHARLOTTE COUNTY, INC.

ACCEPTANCE

Having been designated as agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place stated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and comply with the provision of said law relative to same.

Ana M. Romillo

