

**DANIEL H. GILLISON, JR. APPOINTED AS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS**

*January 2020* - Bridge Partners is delighted to announce the appointment of **Daniel H. Gillison, Jr.** as **Chief Executive Officer** for the **National Alliance on Mental Illness**.

**NAMI**, the National Alliance on Mental Illness is the nation's leading voice on mental health and the largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness and their families.

As CEO, Mr. Gillison will provide direction and leadership for the organization's mission and vision, communicate the goals of NAMI, and oversee the implementation of the organization's new strategic plan, programs and initiatives.

"After a thorough search process, Dan Gillison emerged as the right person to lead NAMI. Dan's experience in mental health and his servant leadership style makes him an ideal fit to lead NAMI to even greater future success", said Dave Stafford, NAMI Board Treasurer, and Chair of the Search Committee.

Mr. Gillison joins NAMI from the American Psychiatric Association Foundation (APAF) where he served as Executive Director and was responsible for strategic planning, personnel management, board communications, oversight of APAF's public education programs and outreach, formulating strategic alliances and partnerships and was Acting Director for Diversity and Health Equity. Prior to APAF, Mr. Gillison was Director, County Solutions with the National Association of Counties (NACo). He started his career in the private sector and held a number of national senior-level roles in the telecommunications industry including Sprint Communications and Nextel. He graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA with a B.A. in Communications.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to lead and work with an organization that has made such an enormous impact on how we address mental illness in this country. I am inspired by the people who work with and for NAMI and by their commitment to making a difference", said Mr. Gillison reflecting on his appointment as the new CEO.



***Daniel H. Gillison***

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