



# RCLLG

RAMSEY COUNTY LEAGUE  
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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## ***RCLLG November Newsletter***

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**Newsletter Content:**

- December Annual Meeting & Program Invite
- November 10 Meeting Recap
- October 8 Meeting Resource

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**RCLLG Annual Meeting & Program:  
Register Now!**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

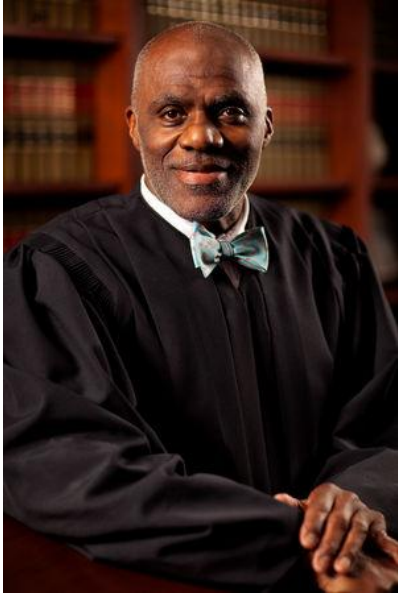
**RCLLG ANNUAL  
MEETING**



Thurs, Dec 9th | 5:00 - 8:00 PM  
Maplewood YMCA Community Center  
2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood

**In-Person**  
**Thursday, December 9th**  
**5:00 - 8:00 PM**

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2100 White Bear Ave, Maplewood\*

\$40/person

Includes Dinner and Cash Bar

Featuring special guests **Justice Alan Page**,  
former Minnesota Viking and former  
Minnesota Supreme Court Justice

and

**Alene Tchourumoff**, current Senior VP at  
the Minneapolis Federal Reserve & former Met  
Council Chair

presenting on the Page Amendment, a  
proposed amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution that would  
provide all children with a civil right to quality public education.\*\*

[Register for the Annual Meeting](#)

*\*Safety of guests is a priority and current public health guidelines for in-person gatherings will be followed. Masks are recommended when not eating/drinking.*

*\*\*RCLLG is not endorsing or taking an official position on the Page Amendment.*

Mark your calendars for this special evening.

[Google Calendar](#)

[Outlook](#)

**November 12 Meeting Recap**  
*NAMI Advocacy Training*



## You Can Make a Difference!



- Legislators measure public support on an issue by the number of calls and letters they receive.
- How many calls/letters does it take to make a difference?



On Friday, November 12, NAMI member Sam Smith conducted a presentation to RCLLG members on how to effectively select an issue or issues and advocate for them at the legislature. One of the goals of RCLLG's collective action workgroup is to identify an issue for RCLLG to advocate for during next year's legislative session, and this training will not only assist in that goal, but will benefit anyone who wants to better advocate for their cities, schools, and organizations.

[Read the Notes](#)

[Watch the Recording](#)

[Check out NAMI's Legislative Priorities](#)

## Meeting Summary

### The Legislative Process

NAMI Policy Director Sam Smith began the advocacy training with an overview of the legislative process. The process is as follows:

Process:

1. Idea
2. Bill Introduced
3. Funding Committee
4. Full Floor
5. Other Side
6. Conference Committee
7. To the Governor.

At NAMI, they find that it takes **3 unique contacts** from a constituent to meaningfully change their perspective on an issue.

### How to Advocate

- Know who represents you and what committees they serve on. Have their contact info.
- Only contact your legislators.
- Be nice. Never threaten, insult, or say you won't vote for someone.
- Always state what group you are with and who you are.
- You don't need to be an expert – just tell your story. **Real stories change minds.**
- Don't be afraid if you don't know the answers to their questions. What's most important

is that you've shown interest.

## NAMI Legislative Priorities include:

- Competency Restoration
- Mental Health Workforce
- Community-Based Services
- Inpatient Psychiatric Beds

Read the notes (above) for more info on these priorities

## Resources

- [Homes for All Coalition](#)
- [Wilder Foundation's homelessness study](#)
- Competency restoration point-person: [Elliot Butay](#)
- [Kognito At Risk Suicide Prevention](#)

**Thank you to those who attended the meeting!**

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## Emergency Rental Assistance Available for Your Community!

Funds available for communities - please share! The program allows for residents and/or landlords to apply.

Email [Keith Lattimore](#) for more information.

[Download the Flyer](#)

*If you have any questions about RCLLG, your membership, or news listed above, please email [RCLLG@fusionLP.org](mailto:RCLLG@fusionLP.org).*

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