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To: Human Services Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairperson;

My name is Hunter Lamb. I came from the Montana State Hospital to the PACT team in 2001. I am bipolar and get in trouble when I am manic. I am an American Indian from the Fort Peck Tribe.

The PACT team has helped me with many things:

1. They help me take my medications each day. Some medications are permanent. I take thyroid medicine and I am diabetic. I have taken psychotropic meds for years. PACT helps me get the meds and keep me out of Warm Springs.
2. The team also helps me with my medical problems.
3. Dr. Keener is a good psychiatrist. I have several case managers (Julie and Chet). Also Teresa takes me shopping. They help me cope with the way things are. They take me places so I do not get depressed – like camping, or outdoor activities.
4. They helped me find a place to live when I was manic.
5. Right now I am having a hard time with my father's illness which is fatal. PACT helping me cope with this.

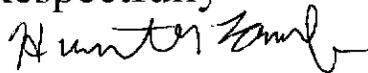
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I think PACT is doing a good job to help me with medications and to get them on time. I have known the team for about 3 or 4 years and they treat me like family. They also help work out problems with my mental illness. I think my mental illness is alot better with PACT helping me to cope with it and understand it.

I would hate to lose PACT services because I would probably end up at Warm Springs.

Thank you for letting me talk to you.

Respectfully


Hunter Lamb