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## I wish to appear at the following Council meeting: April 28, 2016

I represent: ME and everyone else suffering like me!

Kira Kelly

**Topic**: Services for people with disabilities who are higher functioning

## Action you wish Council to take:

Please note that there is a huge gap in services for people who have physical or mental DISABILITIES, NOT MENTAL ILLNESS. There is a MAJOR DIFFERENCE. Which is, it is not as much an EMOTIONAL regulation and impulse problem, or psychosis not being in touch with reality, but rather, an organizing FUNCTIONAL hard wired deficit that makes it hard to accomplish activities of daily living (ADLs), like we are trying to live productive lives but need extra assistance. For example, autism, aspergers. Also with people with physical problems a lot has to do with mobility and pain and medical treatment. So, I wish to see SPECIFIC services for THESE people and expanded services for these people. Also, DROP THE STEREOTYPES AND PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS THAT just because I have a mental disability does NOT mean I have an addiction problem !!! STOP DESIGNING THE SERVICES SIMPLY/STRICTLY AROUND ADDICTION ISSUES!!! Who gets the "best" services because they meet the criteria perfectly? ADDICTS. While they lie, cheat, steal and take advantage of everyone...nice way to "reward" them for bad behaviour! WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US??? Especially when we FOLLOW the law??? Please SEPARATE THESE SERVICES, KEEP SERVICES FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL ADDICTS AND MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE (concurrent disorders) SEPARATE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST MENTALLY ILL/DISABLED OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED - THEY ARE 2 DIFFERENT MENTALITIES!!! Addiction is a class of its OWN! We especially need HOUSING!!! They buy Mt Edwards just for ADDICTS. NOTHING for the rest of us and we are competing for same services and if we get the services we are mixed in with these predators to be victimized, but usually we don't get the services because we aren't "sick" enough! WHY WAIT !?? I WANT TO SEE A VIHA TEAM CREATED THAT WILL ADDRESS PEOPLE WAY BEFORE THEY HIT THE STREETS AND LOSE EVERYTHING AND HAVE THEIR LIVES RUINED! I have been TURNED AWAY FROM SERVICES with the excuse there's people "worse off" when I NEED HELP TOO! Also that is a LIE as alot of people PLAY ACT AND DRAMATIZE TO MAKE IT LOOK WORSE SO THEY CAN GET MORE HELP/FREE STUFF or they keep making stupid decisions to cause their own problems then expect these teams to bail them out! Then MY situation just got worse! Why wait for us to get sicker before providing services to get better based on this bogus criteria??? We finally "qualify" when our lives and others are DESTROYED??? LOOSEN THE QUALIFICATIONS!!! MAKE OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT MAKES PEOPLE HAVE TO PROGRESS, NOT ENABLE THE SICK DYSFUNCTIONAL BEHAVIOUR/ADDICTION...It boils my blood I work, buy stuff legit not stolen, and follow the law and some lying thieving addict gets prioritized above ME??? What's the point in being good when someone who does bad stuff gets all the help, so you are

ENCOURAGING bad behviour with these retarded "requirements"...Wonder where addicts get the idea their behaviour is ok and this grandiose send of self entitlement - STOP FEEDING IT. The garbage "criteria" or "qualifications" set out simply GUARANTEE only homeless addicts who are already totally messed up OR people with disabilities have to be completely messed up/sick are the ONLY ONES who get access to MOST of the services...then the rest of us WIND UP like that because we can't access the services until we BECOME like that and "that bad"! How much sense does that make??? This needs to CHANGE! Thank you.

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