

## **Testimony**

### **Long-Term Care Committee**

#### **Representative Kreidt, Chairman**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2010**

Chairman Kreidt and members of the Long-Term Care Committee, I am Lisa Anderson from Leeds, ND. I am here today to inform you of the lack of services available to people with traumatic brain injury within the Human Service Center System.

November 12, 2007, our 15-year-old daughter was in a car accident and sustained a traumatic brain injury. We were in Minneapolis hospitals for almost 3 months before Hannah was finally discharged and able to come back home to ND. Once home, we did not know where to turn for help for Hannah. We were referred to the Human Service Center in Devils Lake. I called them to schedule an appointment and someone came to our home to go over possible programs that may be of help to Hannah. I signed a couple of forms; the lady left us with a handful of brochures and an appointment for Hannah to have a psych eval. After three 60-mile round trips to Devils Lake to complete the psych eval, we were informed that there were no services available to Hannah because she tested too high. She did **not** qualify for **any** developmental disability services, as her intelligence test was too high.

What we did receive from the Human Service Center was a written report from a psychologist, a handful of pamphlets and an \$800 bill that insurance would not cover.

I knew nothing about programs or services that the HSC had to offer, all I knew was the fact that we were home with a teenage girl who could not walk on her own, was on 24-hour supervision, could not use the bathroom without assistance, could not hold a pen or pencil to write and was barely able to be understood when she talked.

Any services that Hannah was going to need, we were going to have to find them for ourselves, and that is exactly what we did. I drove her all over the state finding medical personal that could actually help Hannah recover from her TBI.

This concludes my testimony, I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.