

**Next Meeting with
Consumers
August 26, 2003
DWCCMHA at
Noon—6th Floor**

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Persons Points of View

--An E-Mail Bulletin from Customer Services reflecting what Consumers are doing and saying as well as news from the Agency

Persons Want to Know

What Does It Take to Be A Consumer Leader?

Persons Points of View (PPV) found an expert to answer this question.

Joseph Hodge is Person Leader for the Customer Services System Network Team. He has taken the lead in the past four meetings. He keeps the committee focused on finding solutions to Person concerns. Joseph has been a Consumer the last 12 years. He is active at the Detroit Central Cities Center on Peterboro in Detroit.

PPV: What does it take to be a Consumer Leader, Mr. Hodge?

Joseph Hodge: It takes three things. First, you have to be compassionate. That means really caring about the people you are with. Second, you must know the issues. That means you have to do the homework. I read a lot of psychology and social science books. I make an effort to keep current about what's happening, not only on mental health issues but also on the world in general. Third, it's important to be a

good listener. You never know who has that important bit of information that will help come up with a solution to a problem.

PPV: What do you like most about participating in these meetings?

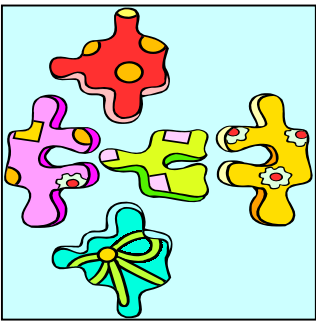
Joseph Hodge: Getting the information first hand on what the Agency is doing. Most of the time you get it third and fourth hand. Then, you don't know if it is true. I believe it's healing to join in these policy-making meetings.



Joe Hodge prepares for the Ethnic, Multicultural and Accommodations for Disabilities Work Group Meeting at the Agency 8/21/03

PPV: Any advice to Persons?

Joseph Hodge: Yes, PARTICIPATE!!! It is so empowering! I can't tell you how good it makes you feel.



Pieces From A Puzzle

Items, Upcoming Events, Pictures, Hopes and Wishes, Hodgepodge, Odds & Ends, Pop Corn, Pizza, and Other Good Stuff



Got Art?



The painting above is on display at the Turning Point Club House in Lincoln Park. Person artist Wendell H. painted the piece. He has drawn and illustrated for the clubhouse the past 14 years. If you receive Turning Point Times, you see his drawings regularly on the cover of the newsletter.

If you have art that you think is worth sharing with others, let us know. PPV will make arrangements to see it. You may become a published artist. Sorry, only drawings, illustrations, watercolors, oils, paintings and sculptures created by Persons will be considered.

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Persons Invited To Public Hearing on Future of the Agency

On Tuesday, August 26, 2003 (5:30pm), the Wayne County Mental Health Task Force will meet at the Second Ebenezer Church, 2760 East Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI at the I-75 service drive. Chairwoman Jewel Ware and her committee of seven Wayne County Commissioners will take testimony from qualified professionals in the mental health field from across the state. These experts will present the pluses and the minuses of creating a new independent quasi-public entity to manage the Agency.



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