
From: Pagnozzi, Diane <dpagnozzi@FPLCT.ORG>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2013 12:55 PM
To: AppropriationTestimony
Subject: Appropriations Committee February 15, 2013 DMHAS Budget

Good afternoon Senator Harp, Representative Walker, and Members of the Appropriations Committee

My name is Diane Pagnozzi and I am testifying on behalf of my family.
I am a board member of NAMI Fairfield and a most grateful recipient of all the services and help NAMI provides.

I am unable to participate in the hearing, but I would like my voice to be heard!

"I am against ANY budget cuts in area of mental health.

I support funding for research in brain function, brain diseases, and new medications which promote compliance. These are COST - EFFECTIVE measures.

Hospitalizations, lack of productivity due to unemployment, stress on family support systems are extremely expensive and exhaust all human resources in addition to cash paid out by insurance companies where services are provided.

As people recover and become more productive, they are able to make contributions to society in the form of work and paying taxes!"

Thank you,
Diane Pagnozzi, Fairfield, CT