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I serve on the Board of Community Health Centers in Ingham County, Michigan. I got involved with the Health Centers during a time when I was homeless. I was staying in a shelter and the Health Bus would visit every week. Some of the staff on the bus got me involved with the Hope Group which was helping the service providers learn how to work with homeless people. Through that I got to know all the staff and they finally asked me to join the Board.

I was discouraged when I was homeless because it seemed like no one was fighting for homeless people. The staff of the Homeless Clinic was different. They would do all they could for me. If they didn't see me for awhile they would get concerned and I could tell they were genuinely relieved to see me again.

While I was homeless I learned about the importance of oral health. If your teeth are in bad shape you've got infections, you can't eat right, it affects your whole health. It's great that the Ingham County Health Centers have an adult dental clinic. The problem is we need more.

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