

## **Wisconsin: The good news and the not so good news**

The Good news is that the Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature support Workshops and Day Services. What has happened in Pennsylvania other States is not happening here. The political reasons for that are vague to me.

The Bad news is that SILENTLY individuals are being told that if they do not participate in community employment, they can not keep their workshop jobs – the agency will discontinue supporting their RIGHT to Pre-Vocational Services. For whatever reason there is no resistance to this.

More Bad news is that Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) Board of Directors is becoming more unreachable in that there is No City listed next to the Board Member's name nor is there a clue what disability they represent. Worse, is there is NO CHALLENGE to this state of affairs.

The last time DRW listed the disability of the individuals Board member they all were either from the Deaf or Blind community and surely none were from the Intellectually Disabled Community.

DRW as of June 2019 is calling for ending the "Special Minimum Wage" that allows all those who WORK in workshops to continue to work. How is that possible because DRW like ALL the other State Protection and Advocacy Agencies have a DUTY to represent ALL the Disabled, not choose and pick whose RIGHTS they will protect.

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