

## Paul's Background

Paul Bauer is a divorced 45 year old Caucasian male. He was born in Karlstad, Minnesota. Both of his parents have passed. He has two older siblings; a brother John and a sister Cecilia. He completed 11<sup>th</sup> grade, but did not graduate from high school. He experienced his first hospitalization around that time.

He has a diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder and chemical dependency. He has had a long history of psychiatric hospitalizations; most recently at the regional Community Based Behavioral Hospital.

He has been civilly committed as mentally ill on two occasions years ago. He has been in chemical dependency treatment programs multiple times with periods of being chemical free for up to a year.

For the past two months, Paul has been living temporarily at his brother's home in Thief River Falls in Pennington County following eviction from his last apartment because of getting behind on his rent and use of drugs.

He is receiving SSI, and is eligible for Medical Assistance. He is not currently working; and reports no periods of extended employment in recent years. He does not have transportation.

He reports problems with getting along with others, being broke all the time, and not having a place of his own. He acknowledges having difficult maintaining sobriety and being drug free.

He has received case management services most recently in Otter Tail County.

He has been referred for case management services by his brother who is hoping that Paul will receive help in finding someplace to live.