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HealthWatch and Covering Kids and Families – Meetings by Region

Southern: August 6, 9:00-11:00am. Harambee Center, 2202 S. Park St, Madison. Contact ABC for Health's Annie Trimberger at (608)261-6939 ext. 203 or atrimberger@safetyweb.org with questions.

Southeastern: August 8, 10:00am-12:00 pm. Aurora Family Services, 3200 W. Highland Blvd, Milwaukee. Contact Tracy Wymelenberg at (414) 449-4767 ext. 144 or tracyw@communityadvocates.net with questions.

Children's Health Access for the Special and Equal (CHASE) Meeting – July 19, 11:30am-1:30pm. ARC of Milwaukee, 7203 W. Center St. Contact Brad Holman at (414)266-3189 or bholman@chw.org with questions.

Northeastern: August 9, 9:00-10:30am. Allouez Prevea Building – St. Vincent Conference Rm. (3rd Flr.), 1821 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay. Special Topic: Children's Mental Health Access and Coverage. Contact Steve Gerczak at (920)433-8154 or sgerczak@stvgb.org with questions.

Western: September 11, 10:45am–12:00pm. Room 121, Chippewa County Court House, 711 N. Bridge St, Chippewa Falls. Contact Rose Marsh at 1-800-400-3678 or rmarsh@co.chippewa.wi.us with

ABC for Health Is Moving!

ABC for Health will begin our move on Monday – July 16! We will finalize our move on July 31. Our phone number, website, and email will be the same. Please update your records to note our new address:

**ABC for Health, Inc.
32 N. Bassett St.
Madison, WI 53703-2606**

ABC for Health offices will be Monday, July 16 and again on July 27 and 30 during the moving process. **Please note that we will not be taking new clients during the period of July 16 to August 1.**

TODAY'S HWW UPDATE is more abbreviated than usual. We will resume on August 1st with regular features like the NEWS Articles, Featured Link, and CКСN Corner.

Health Care Reform Forum Postponed

The Health Care Reform Forum discussed in the previous edition of the HWW Update has been postponed due to difficulty securing speakers to present all sides of the health care reform debate. Watch future editions of the Update for news on the forum as we continue working to secure speakers and a location.

"Healthy Wisconsin" Updates

On Monday, June 25, 2007, Wisconsin State Senate Democrats released "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan," a statewide universal health care plan, as an amendment to the proposed state biennial budget. The State Assembly took up the budget on July 3, 2007 and proposed its own amendments.

Recent news has been full of articles and opinion pieces on both the "Healthy Wisconsin" plan and the state budget.

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Coalitions Under Development

Barron: Contact Mike Rust at (715) 485-8525 or MikeR@co.polk.wi.us with questions.

La Crosse: Contact Lindsey Schwarz at (608) 785-5841 or Schwarz.lindsey@co.la-crosse.wi.us with questions.

Polk: Contact Mike Rust at (715) 485-8525 or MikeR@co.polk.wi.us with questions.

Other Meeting Notices

- **Barron County Coalition – AdvoKit Training:** July 24, location TBA. Please contact Mike Rust at (715) 485-8525 or MikeR@co.polk.wi.us for more information.

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Follow the links below to read more:

NEWS ARTICLES

[Governor sets budget deadline; Disagreements between houses make quick resolution unlikely, chamber leaders say](#) - Steven Walters and Patrick Marley for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, July 12

[Ziegelbauer ignores health care reform](#) - Guest column by Neil Rainford (of AFSCME, Council 40, AFL-CIO) for the Manitowoc Herald Times Reporter, July 12

[Assembly approves pinching taxes; GOP hurts cities, schools, Democrats say](#) - Patrick Marley and Steven Walters for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, July 11

[Assembly OKs its version of budget](#) - Jason Stein and Mark Pitsch for the Wisconsin State Journal, July 11

OPINIONS – ‘Middle of the Road’

[EDITORIAL: Now the real work on budget begins](#) - the Green Bay Press Gazette, July 12

[EDITORIAL: A tax credit that works; The governor's plan to expand tax credits for investors in emerging companies has hit a roadblock in the state Senate. The governor and Assembly must push this idea forward.](#) - the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, July 11

[EDITORIAL: Too much politics, not enough action; Political divisiveness creates impasse for most basic duties](#) - the Beloit Daily News, July 10