



**Dane County HealthWatch Coalition**

**1.7.08**

**Meeting Minutes**

(We try to take meaningful and comprehensive minutes. Please forgive any errors and send corrections to Nora Foshager, [nfoshager@safetyweb.org](mailto:nfoshager@safetyweb.org).)

<p><b>I. Review Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes are fine.</p> <p>Nora will send out the electronic version of the BC+ training to the group.</p>
<p><b>II. Agency Reports</b></p>	<p><u>ABC/HWW</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- working on a training curriculum focused on BC+</li> <li>- conference will be in March; more on that later</li> <li>- holding monthly conference calls with coalitions around the state to work on identifying issues</li> <li>- Badger Connect (2009) – expansion to childless adults, single or married, with an enrollment fee</li> </ul> <p><u>Access Community Health Centers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- currently have 9 dentists</li> <li>- dental director is resigning</li> </ul> <p><u>Dane Co. Job Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- getting ready for BC+</li> <li>- all staff should be trained on BC+ by the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of January</li> <li>- redesigning notices to make them easier to read</li> <li>- going to expand break-in-service policy so that after someone’s case closes due to non-compliance, if they comply within 30 days, the case will just re-open rather than their having to re-apply. Applies largely to FoodShare and not at all to Child Care.</li> <li>- ET program will no longer be mandatory</li> <li>- DHFS &amp; DWD scheduled to merge July 1, 2008</li> </ul> <p><u>Unity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- working on the conversion for BC+</li> </ul> <p><u>Dean</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- changing outreach materials and having them approved by DHFS</li> <li>- getting ready</li> <li>- got final copy of contract for BC+ (effective Feb. 1, 2008)</li> </ul> <p><u>County/City Public Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dan is replacing Diane McHugh and Mary Bradley</li> </ul>



	<p>- merged effective Jan. 1, 2008</p> <p><u>Providers</u></p> <p>- have to make their switch by Jan. 14, but their training by DHFS is not until Jan. 24</p>
<p><b>III. BC+ Training Follow-Up</b></p> <p>Handout: Draft Version of BadgerCare Plus Questions</p>	<p>Starting Feb. 1, the state will be handling drug coverage. Is there info online about Prior Authorizations, what's covered, etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- transportation will be an issue</li> <li>- no increases in HMO caps for Dean, Unity, or GHC</li> <li>- MedStat codes are available; Babette will send them to Nora, who will send to the group</li> <li>- Nora will send out the link to the most recent version of the BC+ Handbook</li> </ul> <p><u>Questions/Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if the mother is in jail, what income do you use for the child's Express Enrollment application?</li> <li>- BC Prenatal included incarcerated women; are these women now covered under BC+ Prenatal Program, or are they just under regular BC+?</li> <li>- children aging out of foster care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- at 18, special needs adoptees no longer get MA and don't count under this new foster care provision</li> <li>- people may choose to leave them in Foster Care so they will be covered until 21</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Mike is pretty sure that under BC+, families will no longer be able to spend down to the old AFDC monthly limits to qualify</li> </ul>
<p><b>IV. HWW 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference</b></p> <p>Handout: List of Breakout Session Ideas for the Conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- passed around registration sheet</li> <li>- Bobby mentioned draft agenda</li> <li>- let us know of there's anything you would like to see addressed in a breakout session</li> </ul>
<p><b>V. DCHW 2008 Calendar Issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- we will be talking about the DCHW Standing Rules and the duration of terms/process for steering committee and co-chair elections</li> </ul>

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