



**Dane County HealthWatch Coalition**

**2.4.08**

**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).)

<b>I. Review Minutes</b>	<p>Minutes are fine.</p> <p>Nora will send out the draft agenda for the March 11<sup>th</sup> HWW Conference after today's meeting.</p>
<b>II. Announcement</b>	<p><u>County/City Public Health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dan brought brochures for the Madison/Dane Co. Public Health Program</li> </ul>
<b>III. BC+ Training Follow-Up</b>	<p><u>Mike Wineke</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BC+ eliminated the whole concept of the Fiscal Filing Unit (for example, in a situation with a woman and man unmarried with a child and all living together, the woman used to be able to use only her own income, but now she will have to count the father's even if they're not married)</li> <li>- system that is supposed to be used to determine whether someone has access to employer-sponsored insurance is not yet operable</li> <li>- Foster Children are eligible only if they turned 18 on or after 1/1/08 (and meet other criteria)</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Needs Adoptees</u></p> <p>Question: (Daphne) Did they extend coverage up to age 21 for adopted children, too?          Answer: No.</p> <p><u>Notices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People have been receiving multiple notices that conflict with each other. The last notice they receive should be the correct one.</li> <li>- people who have never applied for medical assistance before have been getting eligibility notices</li> </ul> <p><u>Self-Employed/Depreciation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if they are self-employed and below 200% FPL, they qualify for Standard Plan</li> <li>- if above 200%, subtract depreciation &amp; amortization – if this brings them below 200% FPL, then they qualify for the Benchmark Plan. When determining premium amounts, add depreciation &amp; amortization back in.</li> </ul> <p><u>Application Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if someone applied in January who will only be eligible starting in February, they will be denied for January and approved for February – there is no need to re-apply</li> </ul> <p><u>Provider Issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- when they are swiping the cards, the readout does not tell which plan the member is on or what their co-pay is</li> </ul> <p><u>Non-qualified Immigrant population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they have been showing up as different coverage every month</li> </ul>



	<p>- is there an FPL limit distinction for EMA between Standard and Benchmark, or do they all get Standard plan up to 300% FPL?</p> <p><u>Out-of-Pocket costs</u></p> <p>- there should be an out-of-pocket maximum for benchmark plan</p> <p>- patients won't be able to find out when they're about to hit their maximum for coverage and switch to out-of-pocket...they're just going to be incurring debt</p> <p><u>Benchmark Plan</u></p> <p>- looks more like private insurance but the administration of the program will not be as good – access to quality information is hard to get</p> <p><u>Pharmaceutical formulary</u></p> <p>- meeting on February 6 to determine what will be on the formulary</p> <p>- formulary goes into effect April 1, 2008</p>
<p><b>IV. HWW 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference</b></p> <p>Handout: Draft Agenda</p>	<p>- there will be a Monday evening meet-n-greet</p> <p>- conference all day Tuesday</p> <p>- opening plenary on BadgerChoice with a legislative panel</p> <p>- breakout sessions are meant to be collaborative with the state with a goal of improving BC+ to better serve the public</p> <p>- after lunch there will be a panel on coordinating statewide advocacy</p> <p>Question: Will HWW help people contact their legislators? We could provide an outline of what to do to make an appointment and what to bring to the meeting to make it the best use of time.</p>
<p><b>V. Open Discussion</b></p>	<p>LeAnn McMahon – no one has been hired yet for the Southern Region for Automated Health. Any questions, call her cell phone (715) 829-4588.</p> <p>We should invite the people in Dane Co. who received the DHFS outreach grants to come to our next DCHW Mtg.</p>

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