



Dane County HealthWatch Coalition

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Meeting Minutes

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

I. Intros & Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carrie Gray has been out of the office with an injury. - Unity HMO is expanding to three additional counties: Green, Jefferson, and Dodge. - Provider Committee is hosting an SSI/Disability Training/Discussion on May 22 at Dean from 9-11am. Bob Hunt and three people from the county will be there. - Reports from Milwaukee of people on Medicaid with a deductible that has not yet been met and they are waiting for services when they are actually eligible for MAPP. At the May 22 meeting, could Jodi please ask how many people in Dane Co. are in the same situation? - HealthCheck Fairs program is being cut by its funders as of May 12. We should try to find out why. This might be an issue for the Health Council of Dane County to look into. - Health insurance is being added as a topic of study in some teen life skills classes.
II. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes are fine.
III. Report on Cover the Uninsured Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the events that DCHW coalition members attended seemed pretty dead; it was good for PR but not so much for enrollment - we may want to make recommendations for next year; Jennifer said that she already suggested that we tie it in with school enrollment events/dates - hopefully the media/press reached some people who will now apply because they heard about BC+ through the media last week
IV. July 7 Mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many coalitions do not hold a July meeting due to the holiday. Would we want to cancel our July meeting? - Decision: We will cancel July 7 meeting. All in favor, none opposed. - Maybe we could have a picnic sometime this summer. We will discuss at the June meeting; steering committee will try to come up with some ideas at the SC meeting at the end of May.
V. BadgerCare Plus Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - some Spanish-speaking families are not being sent the proof of identity form – if they don't have internet access, how do they get it? email the county - we should ask the state to add this form to what is printed out after applying online - the form is also not a part of the paper app – you have to obtain it separately - other materials that are not offered in Spanish
VI. Grapevine Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lost/misplaced verification documents – this is also happening in Dane Co. from time to time - confusing notices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - example: notice says “You’re over income” but really, the family owes a premium - another issue is pregnant women apply and have other children already; they don't submit pregnancy verification and are then denied, even though they qualify otherwise as well – this is being fixed in the CARES system, but something to watch out for in the meantime - BC+ Prenatal applications: long wait times (sometimes months) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACHC hasn't seen this, neither has Dean - seems like a localized issue – they should talk to their county workers - if possible, they should use case numbers – problems will be easier to identify/fix



VII. Dane Co. Job Center Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - employment verification is different now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - previously required to verify all start and end dates - state then said don't verify end-dates, just take their word for it - only ask for verification on end-dates if they affect current benefits or if what is stated seems fraudulent - exception: if a person ended job within past two weeks and needs benefits right away, will still expect them to get one last paycheck - front desk at the Job Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - added a full-time clerical worker and a full-time change report worker at the front desk to cut down on the congestion; seems to be working a lot better - also, added 2 electronic quiosks so that people can use them to check in for appointments; they enter their information and the computer tells them where to go so they don't have to wait in line
VIII. Review DCHW Standing Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - seem good - we might want to consider staggering steering committee memberships for the sake of continuity
IX. Welcome Packet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this was an idea from a while ago – we should have a small packet of information to give to new DCHW coalition members so that they can get a better idea of how things run, who people are, and how the coalition got its start - should include: DCHW Mission Statement, HWW brochure and membership form, DCHW Standing Rules, list of regular members and brief info on them, list of steering committee members and who the chair(s) is/are - email brief description of yourself to Nora so she can compile this list
X. HWW Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there are about 170 registered members so far - new membership year starts July 1, 2008 - Health Insurance Guidebook, which is a guide to private insurance, will be released for members in the 2008-2009 membership year - web casts – there is one ready on the 3 Steps Kit: those who are interested should email Brynne at bmcbride@safetyweb.org for the pre-test; once you do the pre-test, she will send you the training and the post-test, which is to be done after viewing the training - will be debuting a HWW talk show in the coming months – stay tuned!
XI. Future Training Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BadgerChoice - mock Fair Hearing with an Administrative Law Judge - private health insurance - CARE Wisconsin – what is their coverage area? - update on the Southern Regional CYSHCN Center - update on the City/County Health Dept.

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