

**Health Watch Meeting  
March 11, 2009**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	<p>Introductions Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanya provided a brief overview of the state budget related to health care issues. (John Peacock, Budget Analyst) Assembly Bill 75: The 2009-2011 Biennial Budget Bill – copies of his analysis distributed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Department of Health Services</b> Audra Brennan Liaison for Medicaid</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BadgerCare Plus for childless adults will begin taking applications in June and the program will start in July 2009</li> <li>• Main concern: what happens to this population during the interim since GAMP ended in January?</li> <li>• Handout distributed: Reaching out to local health centers to help population during interim               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1<sup>st</sup> step: do they qualify for BadgerCare Plus? If no, but fall under 200% FPL, they can be referred to FQHC (listed)</li> <li>-handouts are available to pass out to staff, contact Audra</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For fathers to qualify for BC+, children must reside with them 40% of time and the mother must confirm this</li> </ul>
<p><b>Covering Kids and Families</b> Michael Jacob Madison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See MAP PowerPoint and handouts</li> <li>• Highest levels of uninsured live in either very rural or very urban areas</li> <li>• Data gathered from various surveys (current and from the school district level)</li> <li>• MAP found that the Hispanic population has increased along the major interstates in WI, not settling in rural areas</li> </ul> <p>Milwaukee Public Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Though it is one district, it cannot be treated as homogenous</li> <li>• Private school information is included in PowerPoint, but is not as thorough or comprehensive as MPS info</li> <li>• His question: Where do people from 200-250% FPL come from? How can BC+ program reach them?</li> </ul>

<p><b>Department of Health Services</b> Ed Kamin Madison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/25/09: 2 – 4p town hall meeting with DHS looking for input on how services should be run by state <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Programs include: Medicaid, BC+, FoodShare, SSI Caretaker Supplement, SHARES</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Not included in state gov't domain: W2, Child Support, Child Welfare, LEAP, IDAP, SSI/SSDi</li> <li>• State decided to step in because 95% of the calls looking for services in Milwaukee were not being answered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1/5 of people applying/receiving FoodShares were wrongly denied by county</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DHS will be taking income supplement programs</li> <li>• Steps of Change: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 5/1/09: state will take over ACCESS inbox (new online applications) and will be opening an expansion at the 76<sup>th</sup> and Mill Road Community Access Point (CAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*12<sup>th</sup> and Vliet CAP will NOT be closing</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) 7/1/09: state will take over Change/Call Center (managed by state employees, staffed by county employees) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*This center will answer case-specific questions, resolve problems, and process changes</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) 1/1/10: state will officially take over all operations (state run, staffed by state and county employees) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Affected programs: FoodShare, Medicaid, BC+, WI SHARES (applications, renewals, changes)</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>• The state will depend on the call center rather than in-person visits and they will create a phone message that notifies people of how long of a wait they can expect (will look into a 'call back' system like WE Energies utilizes)</li> <li>• As of 1/1/09, the state of WI will oversee the hiring for Milwaukee County employees</li> <li>• The state will provide constant trainings for cultural diversity, sensitivity, and comprehension</li> <li>• The state is looking into current issues of Presumptive/Pending Eligibility in hopes of resolving problems quickly</li> <li>• By January 1<sup>st</sup>, the state is hoping to do everything online (including setting up child care)</li> <li>• A town hall meeting with Milwaukee HealthWatch Advocates will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks during the day between 2 – 4p</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:30-11:30; Location-Aurora Family Services 3200 W. Highland Ave.</p>