

**HealthWatch Meeting
February 13, 2008**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from January meeting were approved Announcements: There will be no March HealthWatch meeting
Agency of the Month Corey Hoze, Director, Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services	See attached pdf file in email for the complete update on changes at the County (at both the Coggs Center and Robles).
AGENCY REPORTS	
EDS Report	No report
DHHS Report	Deferred to Corey Hoze
GAMP Report	No report
COALITION REPORTS	<p><u>HASSR - Masiel</u> HASSR's March meeting has changed: It will be held Thursday, March 20th at 11 am; still held in the usual place, at the Southside Health Center (see agenda). They will be represented at the HW WI meeting in March. They continue to work with the BC+ enrollement taskforce. They were asked to review the Spanish version of Marketing info that they plan to send out however we have not rec'd anything as of yet. They continue to take down and report any issues that may come up in the community regarding the new BC+ program (But so far nothing has been brought up but pharmacy issues). If there are any questions, please contact Masiel at mgomez@cenene.com .</p> <p><u>Voices Against Hunger – Jon Janowski</u> Federal farm bill process is coming to an end. House and Senate staff and legislators are hammering out a compromise bill through a conference committee. Last-minute advocacy is needed to ensure that food stamp investments are made in the nutrition title of the farm bill. For more details, contact Jon Janowski at 238-6475 or jon@hungertaskforce.org .</p> <p><u>EPIC – Laura Kerecman</u> The EPIC meeting times have changed <u>indefinitely</u> to 1 pm from 1:30 pm. Mary Moyer is compiling questions and comments from the BC+ website, and will be presenting it at the next EPIC meeting. Katie Gaulin from Community Advocates is the new co-chair (congratulations!), and if you have any questions about EPIC or regarding BC+, please let Laura know by emailing her at lkerecman@chw.org.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Task Force – Sandy Szabo</u> Jennifer Alfredson from Healthcare for the Homeless gave a presentation about SOAR-SSI/SSDI Outreach,</p>

	<p>Assessment and Recovery. This is a model of how a community can assist individuals with physical and/or serious mental illness who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless maneuver through the SSA application process. Right now, HCFH is trying to bring awareness to the Milwaukee community about this “model” and offering a 2 day workshop (see attachment).</p> <p>Crisis Resource Center is funded through 4/30/2008 and there is concern about continued funding to get through this 1st year. There is a group working on some ideas and are hopeful that things will work out. There is money already for year 2 & 3 but we need to get through year 1 first. MHTF will be sending a letter to John Chianelli to inquire about some services that were thought to be provided as in-kind assistance to the Crisis Resource Center.</p> <p>Empowerment Village- <i>See updates under MIWM.</i></p> <p>Red Cross is looking for a temporary site for Autumn West residents. The closure of West Samaria is going smoothly and people are being assisted with relocation.</p> <p>The 3rd MHTF Summit is scheduled to take place on May 15, 2008. More news/updates to follow.</p> <p><u>SSI Managed Care – Julie Dixon-Seidl</u></p> <p>The SSI Managed Care External Advocacy Project is looking closely at the transition from prescription coverage by the HMOs to coverage by Fee For Service. One concern is that the newsletter explaining pharmacy consolidation is called the BadgerCare+ Update and many SSI related Medicaid recipients don’t identify with BadgerCare. We have talked to many SSI related Medicaid recipients enrolled in managed care who were unaware of the change in pharmacy coverage. A second concern is that the State is relying too heavily on the pharmacies to coordinate with prescribing doctors when an existing prescription will require a prior authorization. The EAP is trying to get Rich Albertoni, the deputy director of the Bureau of Fiscal management, to come back to Milwaukee for another question and answer session with advocates regarding the pharmacy carve-out.</p> <p><u>Make it Work Milwaukee – LaShawndra Vernon</u></p> <p>The next MIWM Coalition meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26 at 2:00 PM. We will meet at Summit Place, 6737 W. Washington St., West Allis in room 2218</p> <p>County exec forum scheduled for March 4 at 7:00 PM at Summit Place</p> <p>Briefing and dialogue session with Milwaukee County Supervisor Candidates. It will be held on March 11 at 6:30 PM also at Summit Place</p> <p>The Empowerment Village was met with a lot of opposition to begin with on the 11th, but we are still hopeful that we will find a way move forward with this initiative. The primary goal of the meeting scheduled on the 26th will be to plan for the most relevant priority issues that the community is facing. Agencies with an outstanding issue that they would like to be included in the action at MIWM would be urged to attend this meeting.</p>
<p>ONGOING ISSUES AND ACTION</p>	<p>Updates:</p> <p>The HealthWatch Wisconsin Annual Conference is Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 at the Best Western Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll St. in Madison. Visit www.healthwatchwisconsin.org for more information.</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 9th, 2008. 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Aurora Family Services</p>