

**Health Watch Meeting
April 9, 2008**

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save a tree!

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Approval of Minutes	<p>Introductions Approval of February minutes-no changes Announcements: <u>New topics</u> (Leah):See attached Agency of the Month schedule for 2008 Next meeting location -- We WILL be meeting at 3200 Highland next month. Scheduling conflict at Aurora Family Service has been cleared up. <u>Health Watch Wisconsin Conference</u> -CD available for PowerPoint. <u>Co-chair</u> -- Leah's new role- Health Watch Wisconsin Council- August/September will begin her new role Medicaid-new program info for next agenda; minutes set aside for Medicaid specific problems</p>
Agency of the Month Ann White, WIC	See attached PDF file in email for WIC update
AGENCY REPORTS	<p><u>Hospital Assessment Update -- (Tracy Wymelenberg -- Aurora)</u> Request for help!- The State of Wisconsin is experiencing a Medicaid deficit which results in commercial insurance often covering the cost. There is a coalition of organizations trying to ensure the hospital assessment passes in the state's budget repair bill. There is more information at www.stoptheshift.org. They requested organizations in support of the assessment to please sign on as coalition members to help in getting the Assessment passed. It was also requested that individuals contact their own legislators to ask them to support the assessment. It was decided in the meeting that Health Watch Milwaukee will sign on to support the Assessment, and will write a letter in support as well. <u>Questions:</u> Any specific legislative targets?- Joint Finance Committee members</p>
EDS Report	<p>Pam Raabe will be emailing any updates in the near future, until they are able to attend meetings again. She sent an update this month: Their grievances are way down for February and March, but are waiting to see what happens in April, when the full pharmaceutical changes take effect. They have been receiving fewer calls than expected about BC+ from recipients, but Carla, their contract monitor, has received numerous calls from providers asking questions about BC+ and</p>

	<p>coverage.</p> <p>They continue to get a great deal of questions about eligibility and why individuals lost coverage, how can they get it back, and/or how do they get a hold of their “worker”.</p>
<p>DHHS Report</p>	<p><u>DHHS</u> (Susan Moeser)</p> <p>Modernization Project is freeing up more interview slots for eligibility reviews. The Interactive Voice-Response system is up and running, but clients must call during evening and weekend hours to get through, otherwise it goes to the regular holding queue.</p> <p>Use ACCESS to report changes for updates (i.e.: phone numbers), as they will be using telephone calls as a means to reach clients.</p> <p>Overtime projects are in the works to decrease the backlog to nearly zero.</p> <p>The Customer Service Unit is now fully staffed , but the CSU telephone (289-6112) will not be back online until at least May 1.</p> <p>Child care line is fully functional ph# 289-6464 for updates to a case.</p> <p>Questions: 1. Lack of response by CSU: -resend another request (make clear it is a 2nd request in the subject line !!!)</p>
<p>GAMP Report</p>	<p><u>GAMP</u> (John Chianelli)</p> <p>Transition plans for Childless Adult benefits (1/09?):</p> <p>Enrollment:</p> <p>Access- there has been an expansion of enrollment sites- Isaac Coggs is the new site. (3 sites total)</p> <p>Outreach push-clients will be automatically enrolled in new benefit should it become available.</p> <p>Expansion of primary care slots</p> <p>Questions: What is the Childless Adult benefit criteria? 200% poverty- should include GAMP population and expand eligibility for others. GAMP is at or around 100% of FPL.</p>

COALITION REPORTS**Mental Health Task Force (Brad Montgomery)**

MHTF met on the Tuesday before the HealthWatch Meeting.

1. Dr. Pat McManus from the Black Health Coalition gave a presentation regarding mental health treatment services in Milwaukee County among African Americans. She indicated that she feels the stigma is higher among African Americans to seek mental health treatment and access is more limited as well and that this mirrors the problems African Americans have getting quality health care in general in this community.

2. This tied into the Mental Health TaskForce decision to make Summitt III about mental health treatment services and the corrections system. The Summitt will be on June 30th at the Marquette Campus. More info to follow, but please save the date.

3. It was also announced that the CRC (Crisis Resource Center) is now open to the general public.

4. These updates were also tied into NAMI Greater Milwaukee's WALK for the Mind of America 2008. The walk will be May 17th, 2008. The theme of the WALK will be the ASK program which is an outreach initiative addressing the mental health treatment available in Milwaukee's African American community.

Green Bay Packer Greg and Nicole Jennings will be the WALK Chairs - Please participate. MEET GREEN BAY PACKER GREG AND NICOLE JENNINGS

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Hunger Task Force (Laura Richard)

My name is Laura Richard and I am the new Organizer at Hunger Task Force. I will be attending Healthwatch meetings on their behalf and am excited to work with you all. The Federal Farm Bill is to be voted on later this week (04/18/08). People were invited to call Senators Kohl and Feingold at the meeting. Additionally, Hunger Task Force is preparing for Fueling Young Minds Summer Meals again this summer and would love to work with any of you on outreach with either flyers or by canvassing.

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HASSR (Masiel)

HASSR will be meeting on April 17th at 11 am at the South Side Health Center. We are actively working with the BC+ task force along with the media campaign. HASSR is also working with the CTUW coalition and I

	<p>will be participating in the training that will be provided on Monday the 28th.</p> <p><u>EPIC (Laura)</u> “Unnatural Causes”-PBS special on health disparities-Fridays @ 9pm April 22 @ 1:00pm next meeting at Children’s Hospital Oakwood building 10361 W. Innovation Drive</p> <p><u>SSI Managed Care (Julie Dixon)</u> SSI Managed Care External Advocacy Project: Pharmacy Consolidation is fully implemented now, which means people may be calling to say they can’t get prescriptions filled due to the need for a prior authorization. This is especially true if a person has been taking Brand name medications. Remind people that they should not leave the pharmacy without their medications. If a prior auth is required, the pharmacy can dispense an emergency supply for up to 14 days while the prior auth is being processed. If there are problems with the prior auths, people can contact the SSI MC EAP – Julie Dixon*Seidl at 773-4646 ext. 11.</p>
DHFS	<p><u>DHFS (Sarah Fraley)</u> Sarah updated us on CTUW events. She handed out flyers regarding the agenda for kick-off event. She also updated us on the BC + Access Points and the number of applications that have been submitted. If you experience problems- let Audra & Laura know (see attached handout for contact info) Cover the Uninsured Week updates (handout)</p>
ONGOING ISSUES AND ACTION	<p>HealthWatch Milwaukee is looking for volunteers for our steering committee-please email Leah: ljepso@milwaukee.gov or Tanya: Tanya.atkinson@ppwi.org if you’d like to participate. Nominations for new co-chair next month; elections in June HW is working on holding a Pharmaceutical Carve-Out training in the near future – we will keep you posted. To be part of the Pharmacy Carve-Out Steering Committee: Contact LaShawndra Vernon at LaShawndraV@communityadvocates.net if interested in joining. We will be adding Legislative Updates, at the county, city, and state levels onto future agendas, when applicable.</p>
Next Meeting:	<p>Wednesday, May 14 from 9:30-11:30; Location-Aurora Family Services 3200 W. Highland Ave.</p>