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Wisconsin United for Health Foundation Board Meets to Review Legislative Audit Bureau Report: “Review of Selected Projects: Medical Education, Research, and Public Health Grants.”

Coalition* Seeks Stronger Oversight of Wisconsin Medical Schools’ Use and Distribution of Blue Cross Conversion Funds

Madison, WI – “The health of the public must be a priority in Wisconsin,” said Bobby Peterson, public interest attorney and Executive Director of ABC for Health, Inc (ABC). “Our coalition will serve as a watchdog and participant in encouraging expanded oversight of the more than \$600 million entrusted to Wisconsin’s two medical schools for the express purpose of supporting public health in Wisconsin. We expect members of the public health community to get involved, and let their voices be heard,” continued Peterson. The Wisconsin United for Health Foundation (WUHF) meets in Madison on July 15th at 1:15pm at the Concourse Hotel. Highlighting the agenda is the recently released Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) report titled “Review of Selected Projects: Medical Education, Research, and Public Health Grants.” Included were specific recommendations for the medical schools and the state’s Commissioner of Insurance. ABC for Health, together with representatives from Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) and Citizen Action of Wisconsin, submitted a letter to the Commissioner of Insurance with their own recommendations. The letter details problems brought to light by the LAB report and proposes solutions that would allow a more fair and efficient distribution of the funds.

Peterson presents the concerns and recommendations for the Commissioner of Insurance and the Wisconsin United for Health Board in a web cast presentation from the ABC for Health Studio available to the media and the public at this link:

<http://96.60.62.171/mediasiteabc/Viewer/?peid=8d2b478b152b44c39f309c7bd33c48aa>

“Now is the time to speak up for the health of people in Wisconsin,” said Robert Kraig, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin. “Our opportunity to refocus needed funds to improve the health status of people in Wisconsin is at hand,” added Jeff Spitzer-Resnick, Managing Attorney at DRW.

*ABC is a Wisconsin-based, nonprofit, public interest law firm dedicated to linking children and families, particularly those with special health care needs, to health care benefits and services. Citizen Action of Wisconsin is an issue-focused coalition of individuals and organizations committed to achieving social, economic, and environmental justice and DRW is a private nonprofit organization designated by the Governor to ensure the rights of all state citizens with disabilities through individual advocacy and system change.