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**September 21, 2006 Meeting
Income Maintenance Advisory Committee
Division of Health Care Financing
Department of Health and Family Services**

County Attendees: Jackie Bennett, Racine Co.; Lynn Brenner, Calumet Co.; Sara Deitrich, WCA; Sheila Drays, Dodge Co.; Joanne Faber, Washington Co.; Tim Gessler, Winnebago Co.; Liz Green, Dane Co.; Ed Kamin, Kenosha Co.; Bob Macaux, Florence Co.; Chris Machamer, Waupaca Co.; Claire O'Brien, Milwaukee Co.; Mike Poma, Milwaukee Co.; John Rathman, Outagamie Co.; Shirley Ross, LaCrosse Co.; Sue Schmitz, Waukesha Co.

State Attendees: Melody August, DHFS/BEM; Nancy Buckwalter, DWD; Bernadette Connolly, DHFS/BEM; Mary Claridge, DHFS/OSF; Curtis Cunningham, DHFS/BEM; Sara Edmonds, DHFS/BEM; Brian Fangmeier, DHFS/BEM; John Haine, DHFS/BEM; Vicki Jessup, DHFS/BEM; Donna King, DHFS/BEM; Bob Martin, DHFS/BEM; Richard Megna, DHFS/BEM; Amy Mendel-Clemens, DHFS/BEM; Kirsten Nelson, DHFS/BEM; Scott Riedasch, DHFS/BEM; Jodi Ross, DHFS/BEM; Eden Schafer, DHFS/BEM; Joanne Simpson, DHFS/BEM

Administrative Items

- August minutes were approved
- Introduction to Eden Schafer, the new Program Management Section Chief.
- DHFS distributed a current BEM organization chart.
- The Eau Claire and Mosinee training centers will be closing in October. DHFS is no longer funding any of the training centers, with the exception of Milwaukee. A more detailed update will be given at the October IMAC meeting.
- As of July 2006 WFCAP expenses are around \$3.2 million, this is about \$260,000 more than July 2005. The new reporting system is running smoothly and bringing in a lot of new information.
- DHFS is planning a conference call with state advocates on October 4, 2006, regarding the new Citizenship and Identity requirements.
- Items for next months agenda:
 - ScoreCard- In the meantime any questions can be directed to Evie Ryan.
 - Fraud Ad-hoc Committee
 - Program Connections Subcommittee
 - BadgerCare Plus Update
 - Update on Training Centers

Update on Budget Items Associated with IM

[Click to access the Biennial Budget Request.](#)

For IM related sections reference pages 20-22 and 26-28. Pages 7-9 reference Family Care Expansion and BadgerCare Plus.

Family Care Expansion

Funding for the Family Care expansion will come from the proposed BadgerCare Plus savings. The agencies raised the question of whether the expansion would still happen if BadgerCare Plus doesn't pass. DHFS

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agreed that it would, but would require a new budget item for additional funding. The expansion hasn't yet been defined in terms of what agencies will be included.

IM Contract Language Changes

DHFS distributed a draft copy of the contract for discussion. Workload and Finance will continue to work on finalizing the contract language.

Payment Accuracy Update

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As of September 15, 2006, 110 changes have been reported thru Report My Changes (RMC). Of those, 75 have been processed and completed. This phase of RMC includes only job related changes. DHFS expects the next phase to include all the other change options.

The agencies are putting together a list of changes they would like to see made to ACCESS, and will send that to Bob Martin before the next IMAC meeting.

DHFS also asked that agencies seeing exceptionally slow processing times in CWW send him the user id and approximate time of the issue. DHFS is trying to improve the speed, but does need specific examples to determine the issues.

MEQC and PERM

MEQC

MEQC 2005 project is the evaluation of PARIS (Public Assistance Information Reporting System). This involves data matching of three components: The Department of Veterans Affairs, The Office of Personnel Management/Department of Defense and reporting of interstate receipt of public assistance programs. The project reviewed 100 of each of these components.

The MEQC 2006 continued on with this project utilizing CAPO staff to identify the discrepant information and correct cases in CARES; including running eligibility and confirming benefits. The CAPO staff will also do any benefit recovery necessary.

For MEQC 2007 the proposed project is to evaluate accuracy of the presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and presumptive disability determinations.

PERM

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Ops Memo 06-06 references the PERM project. It states that DHFS will be requesting a minimum of 20 cases per agency to ensure a valid sampling of all agencies. This process was selected in preparation for the Federal Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) which Wisconsin will be required to do in FFY 2009.

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The interim Final Rule for Federal PERM was released on August 28, 2006. Some information CMS has provided to date:

- States will be selected for both Medicaid and SCHIP reviews every third year.
- States are expected to review eligibility in the same year that the state is selected for FFS and managed care reviews.
- Eligibility will be reviewed for active and negative cases.
- State will be required to conduct approximately 501 active cases and 200 negative cases for each program (Medicaid and SCHIP). Some states may be required to do more, depending on the size of their Medicaid and SCHIP universe.