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**Income Maintenance Advisory Committee (IMAC) Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 19, 2007**

**In-person attendees:** Joanne Faber, Washington County; Brian Fangmeier, DHFS; Theresa Fosbinder, DHFS; Tim Gessler, Winnebago County; Liz Green, Dane County; John Haine, DHFS; Linda Halvorson, Dunn County; Melissa Henderson, DHFS; Dave Hippler, DHFS; Jane Huebsch, Marathon County; Vicki Jessup, DHFS; Jim Jones, DHFS; Ed Kamin, Kenosha County; Doreen Lang, Wood County; Pamela Lohaus, DHFS; Liz Mahloch, Sheboygan County; Bob Martin, DHFS; Mike McKenzie, DHFS; Amy Mendel-Clemens, DHFS; Julie Milleon, DHFS; Angie Moran, DHFS; Lorie Mueller, La Crosse County; Luann Page, Waukesha County; Amy Piotter, Outagamie County; Jodi Ross, DHFS; Evie Ryan, DHFS; Eden Schafer, DHFS; Joanne Simpson, DHFS; Cindy Sutton, Rock County; Melissa Wilson, DHFS; Eduardo Zarate, DHFS

**Attendees by telephone:** Barb Apel, DHFS; Chris Barkowski, Marinette County; Jackie Bennet, Racine County; Sheila Drays, Dodge County; Barb Hernsman, Crawford County; Kara Jenkins, Jackson County; Chris Machamer, Waupaca County; Cori McFarlane, DHFS; Nan Pahl, Brown County; Felice Reilly, Milwaukee County; Terry Schlieff, Kewaunee County; Sue Schweichert, Washburn County; Cindy Worment, ? County

**I. Administrative Items – Ed Kamin & Jim Jones**

- The March 2007 meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the May meeting.
- Jason Helgerson will attend a future IMAC meeting
- Theresa Fosbinder introduced Melissa Wilson as the new DHFS Training Coordinator.

**II. BadgerCare Plus Update – Jim Jones**

- DHFS is working with CMS to get the current BadgerCare waiver extended beyond 3/31/07.
- CMS has informed Wisconsin that *SeniorCare* could not be extended for another 3 years because Medicare Part D is available. DHFS has asked CMS for a six month extension for SeniorCare. DHFS is currently working on alternatives for the SeniorCare program.

**III. Biennial Budget Update – Joanne Simpson**

- The budget is currently being reviewed by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. They have questions on:

1. FSET
  2. DRA asset transfer
  3. BadgerCare Plus
  4. Medicaid Quality Assurance
- The Legislature should start deliberation soon.
  - With regard to FSET:
    - No decisions have yet been made regarding future FSET allocations.
    - Local agencies indicated that, assuming the FSET program would be transferred to DHFS, IM agencies would like the “right of first refusal” to administer the program locally.
    - There may be some discretion on the implementation date of the biennial budget provisions.
    - All agreed that the idea with a voluntary program is to make it work for clients. DHFS indicated that they would like local agency input to create the best program possible. It was agreed that future issues/questions will be assigned to the appropriate IMAC sub-committees to develop plans/options..
    - There has been confusion about whether the funding reduction included in the biennial budget related to the voluntary FSET program (\$500,000 all funds), was to come out of the IM base allocation. DHFS clarified that there is no reduction in the IM allocation. The \$500,000 funding reduction is for an assumed decrease in participation in the FSET program as a result of the move to a voluntary program. These are FSET funds, not IM funds. DHFS and the local agencies discussed the need to get this message out widely.
  - Local agencies indicated that a recent WCHSA document indicated that BadgerCare Plus would be administered by the State centrally. DHFS indicated this was not accurate.
  - Overall funding for IM agencies for SFY 2008 is approximately \$1.4 million, and approximately \$1.8 million for SFY09. This includes several provisions include funding for citizenship and identity provisions, MA asset transfer provisions, QA, and Family Planning Waiver for Males.
  - For CY08 contracts, DHFS is still working on the one-time supplemental funding of \$4.1 million. A decision is expected by the end of May.

#### **IV. Subcommittee Updates – IT Subcommittee - Bob Martin**

- ACCESS 5.2 and CWW 2.4 would be implemented on 6/1/07 and available to the users on Monday, 6/4.
- ACCESS AFB for EBD and the Milwaukee County IVR project that will be completed by the state on 6/1 with Milwaukee County implementing the IVR sometime in July.
- Topics for the next IT subcommittee meeting are BadgerCare Plus screen reviews and employer verification forms.
- The new EBT vendor is effective 8/1/07 and the new EBT screens in CWW are tentatively scheduled to be implemented on 8/17/07.

- On 12/15/07 CARES will be converting to BadgerCare Plus assuming the budget is passed in a timely manner.
- New CARES notices system will be officially available on 1/1/08. Notices will first be sent out in mid-December.
- A post-implementation (enhancements, etc.) release for BadgerCare Plus is anticipated in March, 2008.
- The new software to produce the new notices has been procured and will be installed soon.
- The topic of Strategic Adaptation or Change Management was discussed as it had recently come up again in the IMAC IT and the IMAC TATA. The group decided to put together an ad hoc committee to discuss the possible forums for this. Joanne will work with Liz Green to set up a committee.
- DWD has been taking a more active role in the IT subcommittee.
- A recent suggestion from the IT subcommittee was to develop floating menus in CARES. Bob indicated that probably is not workable at this time due to where technology is at today.
- The State is still waiting for five scanners to be delivered to be installed around the state at 2 IM agency's in Pierce Co., St. Croix Co and 3 W-2 locations as well as for QC staff to use. Scanners were first requested in December 2006.

#### **V. IM Scorecard – Evie Ryan**

- The local agencies asked for a “Dashboard” type working tool to help ES Workers manage their applications and improve timeliness. DHFS explained that CARES resources are maxed out through 2008, but this is something that would be considered for the future.
- Local agencies requested that a “SSI CareTaker Supplements” report be added to the scorecard.

#### **VI. IM Payment Accuracy Update – John Haine**

- As of April 6<sup>th</sup>, the FS error rate is at 5.89%, the negative FS error rate is at 8.99% and the MA case error rate is at 15% with a MA payment error rate is at 6.83%.

#### **VII. Next Meeting: May 17, 2007, Fen Oak**