



Tuesday Morning Memo

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FAMILY CARE UPDATE

The Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) is now devoting a significant number of resources to the comprehensive audit of Family Care. As soon as the audit was unanimously approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on July 14th, the LAB began work on the audit. The intention is to have the audit completed in early 2011 to ensure that the findings can be included in legislative deliberations related to the 2011-13 biennial state budget.

It was recently announced that implementation of Family Care in Rock County has been delayed for seven months. To see a related story from *The Janesville Gazette*, go to: <http://gazettextra.com/news/2010/aug/14/state-delays-family-care-rock-county>.

Also, Southwest Family Care Alliance, the Family Care managed care organization that operates in several southwestern Wisconsin counties recently voted to discontinuing the practice of subcontracting with counties to provide care management and nursing care management services to people enrolled in Family Care. Care management and nursing care management services will be provide to Family Care members by employees of Southwest Family Care Alliance, rather than by county employees. For a related story from the *Baraboo News Republic*, go to: http://www.wiscnews.com/baraboonewsrepublic/news/local/article_ff093bd4-9ead-11df-b91c-001cc4c03286.html.

PREVOCATIONAL SERVICE DEFINITION IMPLEMENTATION CONTINUES TO DRAW CONCERNS

Concerns about the implementation of new definitions of prevocational services in Family Care continue to be expressed. For more information, please visit the following websites:

Rehabilitation For Wisconsin – <http://www.rfw.org/>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services – <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lc/lcops/ProgramOps/Index.htm>

- Scroll down to *Technical assistance Series* and look for the section on 10-04, *Technical Guidelines for Prevocational Services in Family Care and Partnership* – there is a significant amount of related information

ARCHIVED VIDEO OF JULY 30th CANDIDATE FORUMS AVAILABLE

On Friday, July 30th, several disability organizations are hosted a candidate forum in conjunction with the annual convention of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups held in Green Bay. Gubernatorial candidates Tom Barrett and Mark Neumann participated, as did U.S. Senate candidates Russ Feingold, Ron Johnson and David Westlake. Archived video of these forums is available through WisconsinEye at: http://www.wiseye.org/wisEye_programming/ARCHIVES-conf_conv.html#3820.

The forum with the gubernatorial candidates is in the July 30, 2010, part three video segment. The forum with the U.S. Senate candidates is in the July 30, 2010, part 5 video segment.

AUTISM NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONVENTION TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN MILWAUKEE ON OCTOBER 15-16

The Arc-Wisconsin encourages people to consider attending this event. The Arc-Wisconsin annual convention, originally scheduled for October 15th, has been postponed until a date to be determined. For more information on the Autism National Committee Convention, go to: <http://www.asw4autism.org/Conference/2010AutCom/AutCom%20Newsletter%20Notice.pdf>.