



# Tuesday Morning Memo

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## **FAMILY CARE AUDIT**

Although a specific date has yet to be confirmed, it appears likely that the Joint Legislative Committee on Audit will hold a hearing sometime in July to hear additional testimony related to a proposed comprehensive audit of Family Care. At that hearing, committee members could take action to approve a comprehensive audit of Family Care.

The Arc-Wisconsin has been an active supporter of a comprehensive audit, as long as the findings of an audit are used to help ensure that Family Care can meet its stated goals of providing increased choices for participants, providing increased access to services, fostering improved quality and ensuring a sustainable program to provide critical services in the most cost-effective manner.

Updates on the status of any hearings and actions will be included in the Tuesday Morning Memos.

## **SPEAKING OF FAMILY CARE...**

Many people have expressed appreciation to The Arc-Wisconsin for hosting the April telephone conference on Family Care. For an mp3 file of the call, go to: <http://www.arc-wisconsin.org>. Click on the link for the April 29<sup>th</sup> call. Please note that this is a large file that could take a few moments to download. Also, for the first few minutes of the call, there were some technological challenges with an echo. However, those challenges were quickly overcome.

Participation in the call was far greater than expected. Over 200 people from all over the state and wearing many hats (people with disabilities, parents, guardians, advocates, providers, Family Care MCO staff, Department of Health Services staff and others) participated in the call. Obviously, there is interest in bringing together a broad range of people to share concerns about Family Care and to offer suggestions to improve the program. Members of The Arc-Wisconsin's Public Policy Committee have discussed the possibility of offering additional opportunities (conference calls, webinars, etc.) that are targeted to specific issues within Family Care. A list of possible topics could include residential service issues, vocational service issues, care/case management issues. In order to offer additional opportunities, The Arc-Wisconsin needs support from other entities. **If your organization is willing to partner with The Arc-Wisconsin to help develop a series of opportunities to discuss Family Care issues, please contact Jim Hoegemeier of The Arc-Wisconsin at [arcwjim@att.net](mailto:arcwjim@att.net). Any assistance – financial, in-kind technology expertise, topic suggestions, etc. – is greatly appreciated.**

## **HOLIDAYS IN THE DELLS**

Looking for a fun way to spend part of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday? Looking for a way to support people for whom most of us advocate? Kill two birds with one stone and plan to take advantage of Wisconsin Family Ties' Annual Family Fun Day. For more information, go to: <http://www.wifamilyties.org/wifamilyties.org-events.html>. The registration deadline is July 1!

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**