



Tuesday Morning Memo

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- **ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON AGING AND LONG-TERM CARE HEARING ON FAMILY CARE**

On Thursday, November 12, the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care held a public hearing on general issues related to Family Care. Many organizations, including several Arc chapters, provided written testimony to the committee. Several organizations provided oral testimony at the hearing. There seemed to be two primary messages in nearly all of the testimony provided to the committee: that the principles of Family Care are very good and that lack of adequate funding for the program presents a major obstacle to fully realizing the principles.

There is a significant amount of information related to the hearing on "Public Policy" page of The Arc-Wisconsin website. The information includes a link to archived video and audio of the hearing, as well as copies of written testimony from several organizations. Please go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/public+policy/default.asp>

- **MILWAUKEE MAYOR TOM BARRETT ENTERS RACE FOR GOVERNOR**

To the surprise of nobody, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett formally announced his intention to be a Democratic candidate for governor at a press conference outside of his home on November 15. As always, links to news articles about elections and candidates can be found on The Arc-Wisconsin website at:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/arcwisconsin/whats+new/default.asp>

Speaking of voting, the State of Wisconsin recently submitted its proposed Helping America Vote Act (HAVA) plan. Comments about the plan can be submitted until December 12. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.arc-wisconsin.org/resources/wisconsinhavastateplan.pdf>

- **FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Think things have slowed down after the House passed a major health care reform proposal? Think again!

Thanks to Joseph P Kennedy, Jr. Foundation Fellow Lisa Pugh, here is a link to a recent article about the U.S. Senate's activity related to long-term care services for people with disabilities:

http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2009/11/17/us/politics/AP-US-Health-Care-Overhaul.html?_r=2&scp=1&sq=long%20term%20care%20insurance&st=cse

Also, there is a push in the U.S. Senate to introduce legislation that would replace the term "mental retardation" with the term "intellectual disability" in most federal documents. The Arc-Wisconsin is working with The Arc of the United States to develop our "marching orders" related to contacting Members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation. We will keep you posted. To see a related press release from The Arc of the United States, go to:

<http://www.thearc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=1910>

- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The "Employment Opportunities" page of The Arc-Wisconsin website was recently updated to include several positions with The Management Group. For detailed information on these positions, go to:

http://www.tmg-wis.com/about_employment.asp