

# PLANNING FOR CHANGE IN LONG TERM CARE

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To: Interested Parties  
From: Lynn Green  
Re: Update on Long Term Care Reform  
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I'd like to share information with you regarding the \$100,000 Long Term Care Reform planning grant that the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (WDHFS) has awarded to Dane County.

## Planning Grant - Scope and Timetable

This is a planning grant, not an implementation grant, and the funding is for planning activities only. The grant contract reads "The grantee will engage in intensive planning activities to result in the development of a comprehensive written plan for expansion of managed long-term care in Dane County." The written plan must be submitted to WDHFS by September 30, 2007. We will complete and submit the plan before then if at all possible. The plan will be the blueprint for a managed care program and an Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

After the planning process is completed, WDHFS will issue a competitive Request for Proposals for operating a managed care program. Only if Dane County's proposal is awarded the bid will WDHFS authorize Dane County to implement its managed care plan.

The target groups for this initiative are older adults and people with physical disabilities. However, we will carefully consider incorporating services for people with mental health and substance abuse needs and people with developmental disabilities into the ADRC and the managed care program.

Dane County, Community Living Alliance, Inc., and Elder Care of Wisconsin, Inc. are developing a project goals statement and project timeline, both of which will be posted on the Department website. Quarterly progress reports will also be posted. Regular briefings will be provided to the Dane County Health and Human Needs Committee and Long Term Support Committee. We will be seeking public input throughout the planning process, especially regarding ADRC development and managed care quality assurance.

I am pleased that the State has chosen Dane County to participate in their long term care reform efforts. It is clear that this is the direction that the State intends to go in the upcoming years, and I believe that we have a great deal to offer in the design of the model they propose for our residents and potentially others throughout Wisconsin.

## How to Keep Informed

a. The Department's Website will include information on planning grant goals and activities, quarterly reports submitted to WDHFS, public meetings, and related materials. See "Partners and Providers" at the following site address: [www.danecountyhumanservices.org](http://www.danecountyhumanservices.org) or bookmark the following address to directly access the Long Term Care web page: <http://www.danecountyhumanservices.org/longterm.htm>

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b. The WDHFS has created a list-serve via which it will share statewide information regarding Long Term Care Reform. To sign up for the list-serve, please go to:

[www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/lc/reform/rfi/Listserv.htm](http://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/lc/reform/rfi/Listserv.htm)

c. The WDHFS is sponsoring webcasts on topics related to Long Term Care Reform. To view the webcasts, sign up for the list-serve (see above), and you will receive an email notice of the time and site address.

d. We have formed several sub-committees. One is to address a communication plan, so “stay tuned.”

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