

LONG TERM CARE REPORT

Issued: November 24, 2008

Prepared for CAPOW by Ramie Leonard

Meeting Notices:

- CAPOW Board members participated in a series of meetings during the week of November 17, 2008 to discuss 2009-11 biennial budget proposals. A separate report describing the outcome of those meetings will be issued.

Announcements:

- **Assembly and Senate Leadership for the 2009-10 Legislative Session:**
Democrats will control the Senate by a margin of 18-15 and the Assembly by a margin of 52-46-1.
 - **Senate Democrats:**
Senator Russ Decker, Majority Leader
Senator Dave Hansen, Assistant Majority Leader
Senator Fred Risser, President
Senator Pat Kreitlow, President Pro Temp
Senator John Lehman, Caucus Chair
Senator Kathleen Vinehout, Caucus Vice Chair
 - **Senate Republicans:**
Senator Scott Fitzgerald, Minority Leader
Senator Glenn Grothman, Assistant Minority Leader
Senator Joseph Leibham, Caucus Chair
Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Caucus Vice Chair
 - **Assembly Democrats:**
Representative Mike Sheridan, Speaker
Representative Tony Staskunas, Speaker Pro Tem
Representative Tom Nelson, Majority Leader
Representative Donna Seidel, Assistant Majority Leader
Representative Peter Barca, Caucus Chair
Representative Barbara Toles, Caucus Vice Chair
 - **Assembly Republicans:**
Representative Jeff Fitzgerald, Minority Leader
Representative Mark Gottlieb, Assistant Minority Leader
Representative Scott Suder, Caucus Chair
Representative Joel Kleefisch, Caucus Vice Chair.
- **Key Legislative Committee Chairs and Members (to-date):** *Note - Committees are still being organized and members appointed.*

- **2009 Senate Committee on Children and Families, and Workforce Development** - Chair: Senator Jauch; Members: Senators Lassa and Vinehout
- **2009 Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long Term Care and Job Creation**: Chair: Senator Carpenter; Members: Senators Coggs and Vinehout
- **2009 Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief and Revenue** - Chair: Senator Erpenbach; Vice Chair: Senator Carpenter, Members: Senators Robson and Lassa
- **2009 Joint Committee on Finance**:
 - **Assembly Democrats**: Representative Mark Pocan, co-chair; Representative Pedro Colon, vice chair; Representative Cory Mason; Representative Jennifer Shilling; Representative Gary Sherman; Representative Tamara Grigsby
 - **Assembly Republicans**: Representative Robin Vos; Representative Phil Montgomery
 - **Senate Democrats**: Senator Mark Miller, co-chair; Senator Dave Hansen, vice chair; Senator Lena Taylor; Senator John Lehman; Senator Judy Robson; Senator Julie Lassa.
 - **Senate Republicans**: Senator Alberta Darling; Senator Luther Olsen
- **The Department of Health Services will issue a memo on changes to HFS 12 within the next week.**
- **DQA Memo 08-026 Re: Changes to Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS 129.**
 - *DQA Memo Re: Changes to HFS 129*
- **Wisconsin Coalition for Person-Directed Care Launches New Website**: The new website includes information about person-directed care and serves as a discussion forum to promote communication among providers, consumers and DQA staff.
 - *Wisconsin Coalition for Person Directed Care*
- **DQA Memo 08-025 Re: Guidelines for Managing MRSA**: This memo provides guidelines on managing MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) in a variety of settings.
 - *DQA Memo Re: Managing MRSA*