**Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**
**Monday, June 20, 2005**
**Green Lake County Courthouse**
**Green Lake, Wisconsin**

**Call to Order:**
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daniel J. See at 9:30 a.m.

**Attendance:**
See attached attendance sheet

**The requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law were met.**

**The agenda was approved** (motion 1st Columbia - 2nd Sauk)

**The minutes were approved** (motion 1st Green Lake - 2nd Dodge)

**Legislative Report**
Rep. Joan Ballweg talked about the discussion on comprehensive planning or "Smart Growth" at the State. She said that past contracts would be honored but that dollars for new comp. planning efforts are not included in the current version of the budget. She said that K-12 funding has the biggest difference between the Governors version the budget and the version from the Joint Finance Committee. She said that she talked with other legislators concerning the damaged caused by steel wheeled vehicles. Most other legislator's didn't feel it was big enough of a problem.

**WCA Report**
Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf representative from the WCA, discussed the status of the following items in the current version of the State Budget
- Utility Tax Distribution
- Shared Revenue
- Property Tax Freeze
- General Transportation Aids
- Local Road improvement Program
- Elderly and Disabled Transportation Aids
- State Highway Maintenance
- Vehicle Registration Fee
- Comprehensive Planning "Smart Growth"
- Nursing home Rate increase
- Acuity-Based Reimbursement
- CIP II Relocations
- Juvenile Population Estimates and Daily Rates
- JCI Cost Reduction Directive
- Youth Diversion Program
- Income Maintenance Funding

- W-2/TANF
- Medical Assistance Revenue Obligation Bonds
- WIMCR-CSDRB-CBMAC
- Community Aids

**Open Discussion on County Issues**

**Program: TANF and Child Welfare,** Presented by David Titus, Director of Dodge County Department of Human Services.
TANF is the Federal legislation that abolished welfare. In Wisconsin, W2 replaced child welfare. Welfare now means that people are "working poor". Child welfare can include all income levels of families because abuse and neglect of children occurs in all income levels.
Wisconsin's Mission is to Improve outcomes for our most vulnerable families by pursuing a more integrated, family-responsive and flexible approach to service delivery that is efficient and cost-effective.
Wisconsin's Vision is Community partnerships to ensure that Wisconsin children grow up safe, healthy and successful in strong families.
Mr. Titus discussed that the target population is families in, or at risk of involvement in, W2 and child welfare systems. They are looking for family and child outcomes to increase family economic security. Improve child safety and well-being. Close the academic achievement gap. Processes are being improved to provide outcomes to emphasize family-entered, strengths-based service delivery. To include the idea of one family, one plan, and these plans should reflect family priorities, strengths and challenges. The goal is to have a system that is integrated in a meaningful and sustaining manner.

The State is facing challenges in its level of infrastructure development, training available and the availability of technical assistance. While communication and legislative relations are always concerns. Locally, there are leadership issues, addressing the naysayers, maintaining inertia with limited budgets.

Mr. Titus said that they are looking at best practices as a benchmark for success. Examples of these are the Family Partnerships Initiative, the Wood-Portage-Adams program and the Southwestern Consortium.

**Open Discussion on County Issues:**
There was additional discussion on W2/TANF, Income maintenance for DHFS low income and the children first program. Jefferson County is looking for a County Administrator. There was a question if any county had a policy on sharing in house developed intellectual property.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:44** (motion 1st Columbia  2nd Green Lake)

Respectfully submitted,
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