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Budget Update

The Conference Committee on the state budget continues to meet, but to date little progress has been made. The WCC encourages all readers to contact the members of the committee, urging them to agree on a budget that protects human life, promotes families and pursues social justice.

In particular, the WCC has highlighted three special priorities in the budget:

- **Access to Health Care**: Create a budget that significantly expands the number of Wisconsin residents who have access to affordable health care. Any proposal expanding access to health care must also respect human life from conception until natural death.

- **Family Planning Waiver**: Oppose the expansion of the Family Planning Demonstration Project, which would provide contraceptives to minor males without their parents’ consent. In addition, oppose all children under the age of 18 from participating in the program without parental consent.

- **Shelters for the Homeless**: Allocate $1 million for homeless shelters, particularly those that take in women and children.

For a complete list of the WCC’s budget priorities, see the July memo sent to the Conference Committee. Contact information for committee members is as follows:

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WCC Testifies on Mandated Care for Rape Victims

The WCC offered testimony this week for information on AB-377 (Terry Musser, R-Black River Falls) and SB-129 (Judy Robson, D-Beloit). This legislation would require that all hospitals with emergency rooms provide a victim of sexual assault with information and, upon her request, emergency contraception. The Senate passed SB-129 this past May by a vote of 27 to 6.

New Bills of Interest

SB-252. HPV Education (Taylor) Requires provision of information about the human papillomavirus (HPV) to schools and to parents of pupils in grades 6-12. To Health and Human Services.

AB-467. Pharmacists; abortion (Sinicki) Prohibits pharmacist from refusing to fill prescriptions for contraceptives; defines abortion (Birth Control Protection Act). To Health and Healthcare Reform.

AB-492. HPV Education (Hines) Requires provision of information about human papillomavirus (HPV) to schools and to parents of pupils in grades 6-12. To Public Health.

AB-493. Alzheimer’s Care Facilities (Krusick) Care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia in residential care facilities. To Aging and Long Term Care.

Web Sites of Interest

http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml
  - Who are my legislators

http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html
  - 2007-08 Session Schedule
  - Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
  - Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

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