

LRB 2653 and 2654

JCRAR HEARING

**MAY 27, 2003
12:30 p.m.
Room 411 South**

CONSTITUENT CONTACT FORM

Date:

Name:

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Phone:

e-mail:

Summary of Concern:

Action by Office:

Further action required by Office:

STATE OF WISCONSIN)

MAY 27 2003

COUNTY OF MANITOWOC)

I, Charlene M. Peterson, County Clerk of Manitowoc County, do hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County at a meeting held on May 20, 2003.

Set my hand and official seal this 23rd day of May, 2003.

Charlene M. Peterson
Charlene M. Peterson, County Clerk

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FAMILY PLANNING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

TO THE MANITOWOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin state legislature approved the Family Planning Demonstration
2 Project in 1997; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Family Services applied for and received a waiver
5 to implement the Family Planning Demonstration Project and promulgated emergency rules to
6 implement the program starting January 1, 2003; and
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8 WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to provide low income women age 15-44 with access
9 to primary, preventive health care; prevent unwanted pregnancies; identify and treat cervical cancers;
10 and treat sexually transmitted infections; and
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12 WHEREAS, the project provides an estimated \$7.6 million in federal aid to the Wisconsin
13 Medicaid Program and will save the state \$17 million in general purpose revenue dollars and \$8.9
14 million in Medicaid costs over the next 5 years by preventing unwanted pregnancy; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules voted to suspend the emergency
17 rules and the project; and
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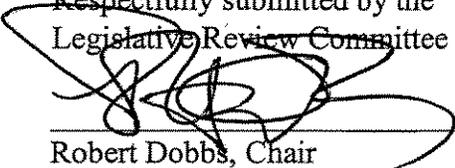
19 WHEREAS, this decision limits access to needed health care for low income women;
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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitowoc County Board of Supervisors
22 supports continuation of the Family Planning Demonstration Project as a health care resource for the
23 residents of Manitowoc County; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution
26 to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

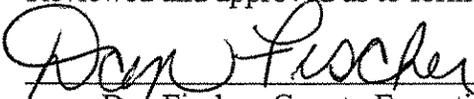
Dated this 20th day of May 2003.

Respectfully submitted by the
Legislative Review Committee


Robert Dobbs, Chair

LEGAL NOTE: Reviewed and approved as to form by Corporation Counsel. SR

APPROVED:


Dan Fischer, County Executive

5-21-03
Date

No. 2003/2004 - 24
 Manitowoc Voting System
 Vote Summary Report
 05-20-2003

All Reports
 Report , 6 , 1/2 Majority Based on Attendance

6. Resolution Supporting Family Planning Demonstration Project.

Seat	Dist	Attn	Name	Aye	Nay	Abs
1	15	*	Wagner, Catherine E.....	[X]	[]	[]
2	23	*	Henrickson, Rick	[X]	[]	[]
3	3	*	Bundy, Kathie	[X]	[]	[]
4	18	*	Muench, Mary	[X]	[]	[]
5	17	*	Schenian, Steven R.....	[X]	[]	[]
6	8	*	Barnes, James K.....	[X]	[]	[]
7	21		Kocourek, Tom	[]	[]	[]
8	20	*	Skubal, Glen	[]	[X]	[]
9	2	*	VanderBloomen, Kelly J.....	[X]	[]	[]
10	7	*	Vogt, Norbert A.....	[X]	[]	[]
11	14	*	Sloan, Ricky K.....	[X]	[]	[]
12	6	*	Hansen, Paul B.....	[X]	[]	[]
13	19	*	Rasmussen, Robert	[]	[X]	[]
14	1	*	Rappe, Edward C.....	[X]	[]	[]
15	5	*	Dufek, Anthony	[]	[X]	[]
16	11		Lambert, Thomas J.....	[]	[]	[]
17	12	*	Behnke, Kevin L.....	[]	[X]	[]
18	9	*	Graunke, Jan C.....	[X]	[]	[]
19	4	*	Brey, James N.....	[X]	[]	[]
20	16		Nate, Marion J.....	[]	[]	[]
21	25	*	Swade, Kenneth	[X]	[]	[]
22	24	*	Dobbs, Bob	[X]	[]	[]
23	22	*	Geimer, Allen F.....	[]	[X]	[]
24	13	*	Mueller, Clyde	[X]	[]	[]
30	10	Chair	Markwardt, Don C.....	[]	[X]	[]

Pass

On this 20 day of May 2003 by a vote of:
 Aye = 16 Nay = 6 Abs = 0 Absent = 3

Attest: Char Peterson
 Char Peterson, County Clerk



May 26, 2003

To: Members of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules
From: Charity Eleson, Associate Director of Programs and Advocacy 
Re: Consideration of LRB Drafts 2653 and 2654, Related to the Family Planning Waiver

I write today to respectfully ask that you oppose the passage of LRB 2653 and 2654, which would prevent Wisconsin from continuing to implement the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project. This project, which was developed under the administrations of former Governors Thompson and McCallum, would provide essential family planning services to nearly 50,000 low-income women in Wisconsin and makes judicious use of state funds by allowing Wisconsin to obtain \$9 in federal funds for every \$1 Wisconsin spends of its own money.

While I understand that there have been concerns expressed about the access this initiative would give to minors for family planning services, this is clearly an essential component of this initiative. Access to family planning services is essential to preventing unwanted teenage pregnancies. Access to family planning allows women to prevent or postpone pregnancy and increases their ability to achieve self-sufficiency. The prevention of teen pregnancy will also save the state millions in future medical costs: an estimated \$17 million over the next five years. Due to the decline in teen pregnancy, there will also be savings in welfare costs and child protective service costs.

A comprehensive study done by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy found that family planning services do *not* increase sexual activity. However, scientific evidence is clear: without birth control, the chances of pregnancy are greatly increased. The fact is adolescent years are a time of sexual experimentation. Not all teens choose to have sex, but for those that do, the responsible thing is to insure that they have access to birth control and information about safe sexual practices. Although we would, in an ideal world, want teens to discuss these issues with their parents, most don't. Don't make it harder for these kids to get the necessary protection they need. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you.



NARAL Wisconsin
For a Pro-Choice Wisconsin

For immediate release
May 27, 2003

Contact: Courtney Emery
414-271-4811

Legislators Opposed to Birth Control Seek to Deny Proven Family Planning Program to Younger Women

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules will vote today on a measure to exclude younger women, ages 15-17, from Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver program. This program currently provides comprehensive reproductive health care, including contraception, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, and cancer screenings, to uninsured, low-income women, ages 15-44, potentially serving nearly 50,000 Wisconsin women each year.

"We are profoundly disappointed that Senators Leibham and Welch and Representatives Grothman, Seratti, Gunderson and McCormick demonstrate such disregard for the basic health care needs of younger women. Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver can save numerous lives and prevent countless unintended pregnancies. The need for this program is evident – there are nearly 5,000 pregnancies among women ages 15-17 each year. Pregnancy prevention programs such as this one are the only proven means to make abortion less necessary," notes Deborah Lukovich, NARAL Wisconsin's Executive Director.

"Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver, 90% funded by the federal government, will save our state millions of dollars. A small investment in this pregnancy prevention program now ensures that most of the women served will avoid pregnancy in adolescence, never requiring Medicaid or BadgerCare assistance. After all, Medicaid pays for 85% of unintended teen pregnancies in Wisconsin each year," adds Deborah Lukovich. "Most frightening, dismantling one aspect of this program will mean the loss of all federal funding," she continues.

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— *Henk Newenhouse, Lone Rock*

Limiting birth control is right

We applaud the chairmen of the Legislature's Joint Administrative Rules Committee, Rep. Glenn Grothman, Sen. Joe Leibham and their fellow committee members who voted to suspend the implementation of the Medicaid Family Planning Demonstration Project. This program would have used taxpayer dollars to provide birth control to minor children without parental notification and regardless of their parent's income.

Oral contraceptives are known to have an abortion-causing effect. We therefore appreciate the courage of these legislators in taking this life-promoting stand. Their votes restrict the expansion of chemical abortion in the state of Wisconsin.

Compelling data indicates that broad contraceptive availability may actually increase teenage pregnancy and abortion by encouraging sexual promiscuity. And we know that contraceptive drugs and devices pose serious health risks to women. It is deplorable that contraceptives continue to be handed out to unmarried girls as young as 15 without parental knowledge or consent. At the very least, public dollars should not support this dangerous and sometimes deadly practice.

So congratulations to our pro-life legislators, and to Pro-Life Wisconsin for their tenacity and for their six years of life-affirming vigilance.

— *Sister Rosalia Bauer, and Charlene Tohmie, Beloit; and Mary Jane Stephan, Rockton*



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**JOINT COMMITTEE FOR
REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Emergency Rule Extension Motion Form

May 27, 2003
411 South
State Capitol

Moved by LEIBHAM, Seconded by GROTHMAN

THAT, pursuant to s. 227.24(2)(a), stats. the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules recommends introduction of LRB 2653 and 2654.

COMMITTEE MEMBER	Aye	No	Absent
1. Senator LEIBHAM	✓		
2. Senator WELCH	✓		
3. Senator LAZICH	✓		
4. Senator ROBSON		✓	
5. Senator LASSA		✓	
6. Representative GROTHMAN	✓		
7. Representative SERATTI	✓		
8. Representative GUNDERSON	✓		
9. Representative BLACK		✓	
10. Representative HEBL		✓	
Totals	6	4	0

Motion Carried

Motion Failed