

WISCONSIN STATE
LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE HEARING
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2005-06

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on
Agriculture and
Insurance
(SC-AI)

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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE
CLERK FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

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Name: D. Conta

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Vote Record
Committee on Agriculture and Insurance

Date: 3-6-06

Moved by: Kedzie

Seconded by: Olsen

Attachments

AB _____

SB _____

Clearinghouse Rule _____

AJR _____

SJR _____

Appointment Dennis Centa

AR _____

SR _____

Other _____

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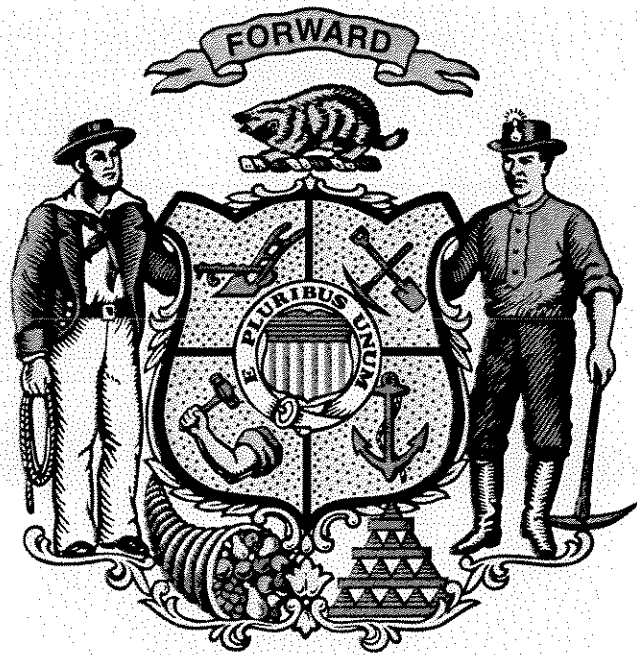
- Passage Adoption Confirmation Concurrence Indefinite Postponement
 Introduction Rejection Tabling Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator Dan Kapanke, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ronald Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Luther Olsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Jon Erpenbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed





JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

February 17, 2006

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint Dennis Conta to be a Public Member on the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority to serve a term expiring May 1, 2007.

Mr. Conta will be available to the Senate for hearings and my staff will assist in any way they can.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle
Governor



JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

February 17, 2006

Mr. Dennis J. Conta
925 E. Wells St., Suite 1917
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mr. Conta:

I am pleased to appoint you as chair of the Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority, effective February 17, 2006. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to the board and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle
Governor



JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME: Dennis Conta

MAILING ADDRESS: 925 E. Wells St., Suite 1917
Milwaukee, WI 53202

E-MAIL ADDRESS: dennis@dconta.com

RESIDES IN: Milwaukee, WI

TELEPHONE: (414) 276-3337 (w)

OCCUPATION: Public Policy Consultant

APPOINTED TO: Health Insurance Risk-Sharing Plan Authority
Public Member

TERM: A term to expire May 1, 2007

SUCCEEDS: (Newly Created Authority)

SENATE CONFIRMATION: Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: February 17, 2006

DATE OF NOMINATION: February 17, 2006

Dennis Conta

Dennis Conta is President of Conta and Associates, Inc. Conta and Associates is a Milwaukee-based consulting company which specializes in governmental relations and public policy research.

Conta has spent many years in public service and since incorporating his business in 1979, has provided service to a broad range of large Milwaukee corporations, trade associations and various city, county and state agencies.

In the process of discharging his professional responsibilities, Mr. Conta has developed broad expertise in the areas of public policy, governmental relations and lobbying.

Education

- 1975 - **Masters Degree in Political Science**
1978 University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 1967 - **Masters Degree in Public Administration**
1968 Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

- 1964 - **Masters Degree in Social Welfare in Community Organization**
1966 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

- 1958 - **Bachelors Degree in Philosophy and History**
1962 Ripon College

Professional Experience

- 1979 - **President, Conta and Associates, Inc.**
Present Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- 1976 - **Secretary, Department of Revenue**
1979 State of Wisconsin

- 1969 - **State Representative, Wisconsin Legislature**
1976 25th Assembly District, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

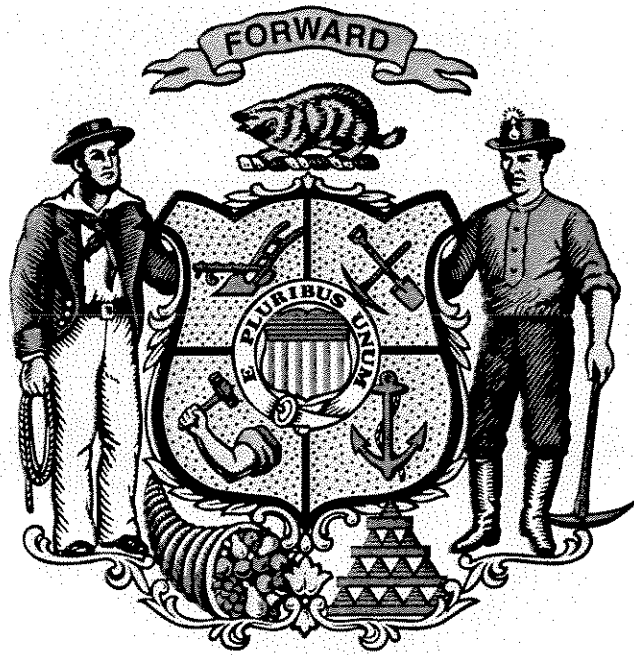
- 1969 - **Executive Director**
1971 Northside Citizens Neighborhood Housing Corporation

- 1968 - **Lecturer in Business Administration**
1969 University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

As a member of numerous boards, committees and commissions, Mr. Conta assisted in the research, analysis and implementation and many legislative initiatives, regulatory policies and governmental programs:

- Chairman, Governor's School Finance Task Force
- Chairman, P-5 Advisory Committee for the Milwaukee Public Schools
- Chairman, Joint Committee on Finance, Wisconsin Legislature
- Chairman, Wisconsin Board on Government Operations
- Chairman, Joint Committee on Employment Relations
- Chairman, Wisconsin Claims Board
- Member, Blue Ribbon Commission on Tax Reform
- Member, Milwaukee County Civil Service Commission
- Member, Governor's Quality Education in Metropolitan Milwaukee Task Force
- Member, Wisconsin Strategic Development Commission
- Member, Milwaukee County Private Industry Council
- Member, Board of Directors of Medical College of Wisconsin
- Member, Governor's Task Force on Health Planning and Policy
- Member, Milwaukee Planned Parenthood Advisory Council
- Member, Medical College of Wisconsin Study Commission
- Member, Wisconsin Legislative Council
- Member, Council on Drug Abuse
- Member, Assembly Public Welfare Committee
- Member, Advisory Committee on Milwaukee Public School System
- Member, Governor's Committee on Priorities for Commerce and Industry
- Member, Governor's No-Fault Legislation Advisory Committee
- Member, Commission on State-Local legislation Advisory Committee
- Member, Milwaukee County Community Health Service Project Steering Committee

- Helped Brewery Works, Inc. to lease office space to Milwaukee County governmental agencies.
- As a licensed health insurance agent, assisted First Commonwealth/Guardian in providing prepaid dental plans to Milwaukee County, City of Milwaukee, Froedtert Hospital, Quarles & Brady and Milwaukee Public Schools.
- As a licensed health insurance agent, assisted Humana in providing health care plans to employees of Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee.
- Assisted the Joint Health Care Task Force, a group of Milwaukee's largest corporations, in developing various health care cost containment strategies.
- Assisted Lewin and Associates in studying Graduate Medical Education problems for the State of Wisconsin.
- Assisted the Medical College of Wisconsin in developing legislative agendas and political strategies.
- Helped the Merrill Lynch Capital Development Corporation of New York to secure a \$140 million underwriting contract to provide low income housing loans for Wisconsin residents.
- Assisted the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce in developing a five-year economic development plan for the State of Wisconsin.
- Assisted Milwaukee County Executive William O'Donnell in examining alternative methods needed to develop a cost-effective storm and sanitary sewer system.
- Assisted the Milwaukee County Mental Health Center in redesigning its reimbursement policies and increasing the size of state aids.
- Assisted the Milwaukee Industrial Clinics in developing marketing strategies within business and government.
- Helped the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company secure support from the Milwaukee Common Council for facility expansion.
- Assisted Residuals Management Technology, Inc. in its efforts to provide business and government with high quality environmental control systems.
- Represented the Time-Life Corporation as a communication consultant in its efforts to secure support from the City of Milwaukee.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Marchant
Chief Clerk and Director of Operations

FROM: President Lasee

DATE: February 21, 2006

RE: Rereferral of Proposals

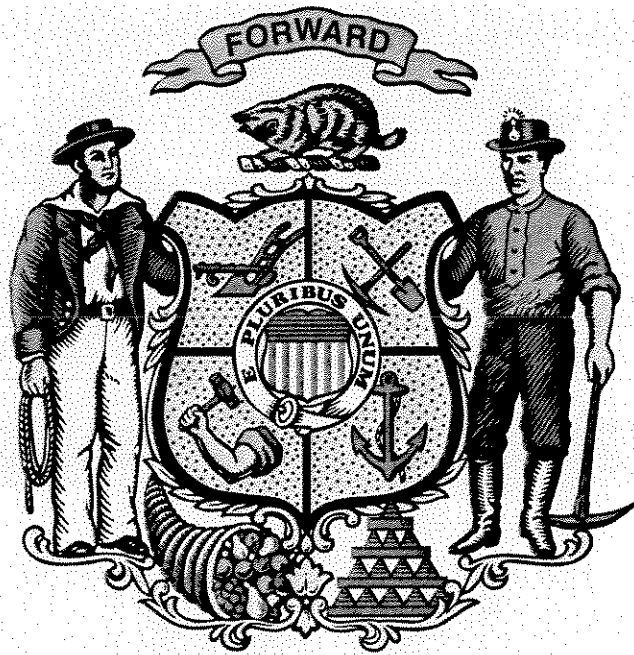
Pursuant to Senate Rule 46 (2) (c), I am writing to direct that the following appointments to the HIRSP Board be withdrawn from the Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long-Term Care and referred to the Agriculture and Insurance Committee. I have obtained the consent of the appropriate chairperson, as indicated by the signature below.

Michelle Bachhuber
Dennis Conta
Michael Gifford
Patricia Jerominski
Joseph Kachelski
Carol Peirick
Larry Zanoni

As the chairperson of the committee with jurisdiction over the proposal described above, I consent to the withdrawal of the proposal as described above.



Senator Carol Roessler



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STATE OF WISCONSIN
ETHICS BOARD

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Roth Judd
Director

Senate Committee Members:

The attached Statement of Economic Interests is provided with regard to the individual's nomination to a State Public Office by Governor Jim Doyle.

Sincerely,
STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee: Dennis Conta
Date: February 23, 2006

Mail or fax to: Wisconsin Ethics Board, 44 E. Mifflin St., Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703-2800; Fax: (608) 264-9319

Statement of Economic Interests

Filed in 2006 for calendar year 2005

Name: Conta, Dennis J.
(last name, first name & initial)

State position: Member, HIRSP Authority, Board of Directors
(held or sought) (include agency, division, branch or district, if applicable)

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FOR EXPLANATIONS, EXAMPLES AND EXCEPTIONS SEE THE INSTRUCTIONS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://ethics.state.wi.us>. Still have questions? For priority service send an e-mail to: ethics@ethics.state.wi.us; otherwise leave a detailed message at (608) 266-8115. Attach additional pages as needed.

Part A Information current as of insert nomination/appointment date here

1. INVESTMENTS. List stocks, bonds, limited partnerships, Wisconsin governmental securities, and mutual and money market funds you or your family held (minimum \$5,000).

Name of security	Type of security - "✓" one					Amount - "✓" one	
	stock/ option/ futures	bond	limited partnership	Wisconsin governmental security	mutual or money mkt fund	\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
<i>See attached</i>							

2. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. List businesses, farms, rental, commercial, and income-producing real estate; and business activities in which you or your family had at least a 10% or greater interest.

a) Enterprise(s) operating under a business or trade name, list here.

Name of business	Municipality or Town	County	State	Describe nature of business
<i>See attached</i>				

b) Enterprise(s) NOT operating under a business or trade name, list here.

Street address or fire number	Municipality or Town	County	State	Describe nature of business

3. COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, AND TENANTS. For each unincorporated business, subchapter S corporation, service corporation (SC), limited liability company (LLC), partnership, or income-producing real estate reported in Item 2, list businesses, organizations, and lobbyists that paid the enterprise \$1,000 or more in calendar year 2005.

Businesses, organizations, lobbyists that were customers, clients, or tenants	City	State
<i>See attached</i>		

4. BUSINESS PARTNERS. For each enterprise reported under Item 2, list its co-owners, partners, officers, and directors (other than yourself), unless the information is already registered with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

Business	Partners, or officers and directors	City	State
n/a			

5. NON-COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE. List the specific location of WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate whose location you listed in item 2).

LOCATION OF PROPERTY			NATURE OF INTEREST (own, lease, option, easement, land contract)
Street address or fire number	Municipality Or Town	County	
See attached			

6. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. List organizations of which you or a family member was an officer or director.

Business or organization	City	State	Position
n/a			

7. AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE OR SPOKESPERSON. List organizations that authorized you or a family member to represent them in their dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative (unless listed in item 6 or 9).

Business or organization	City	State
n/a		

8. CREDITORS. List creditors to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more.

Creditor	City	State	* / one	
			\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
See attached				

Part B For calendar year 2005

9. EMPLOYERS. List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2005.

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
See attached			

10. ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME. List other sources from which you or your family received income of \$1,000 or more in 2005.

Source of income	City	State
See attached		

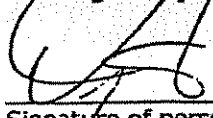
11. ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFTS. List individuals and organizations that provided you with entertainment or gifts (more than \$50) in 2005.

Name of provider	City	State
n/a		

12. HONORARIA AND EXPENSES. List, for 2005, sources of honoraria and payment of expenses related to your state government duties (more than \$50) not previously reported to the Ethics Board.

Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt
n/a			

I certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. In the event this Statement of Economic Interests is filed prior my nomination or appointment, I certify that I will amend it within ten days of my nomination or appointment date if amendment is necessary to bring it into conformity with the true statement of my economic interests as of the date of my nomination or appointment. **If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.**


 Signature of person filing _____

Date 2/16/06

Daytime phone # 414-276-3337

E-mail address dennis@dcconta.com

The information sought in this form is required by §§19.43 and 19.44, Wisconsin Statutes. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Ethics Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes, the Ethics Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

1. INVESTMENTS

American Funds	Mutual Funds	Less than \$50,000
Associated Bank Platinum	Money Market	Less than \$50,000
Associated Bank CD	Money Market	More than \$50,000
PIMCO Real Return Bond	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Vanguard Infl	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Vanguard Short Term	Mutual Fund	More than \$50,000
Vanguard Total Bond	Mutual Fund	More than \$50,000
Vanguard Fixed Income Inf	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Europacific Growth	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Templeton Inst.	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Dodge & Cox	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Harbor Capital App	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Vanguard 500 Index	Mutual Fund	More than \$50,000
Goldman Sachs Growth	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Weitz Value	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Janus Small Cap	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000
Wasatch Small Cap	Mutual Fund	Less than \$50,000

2. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

- a) Conta & Associates, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 Consulting
- b) Deborah Gardner Conta MSW LSCW
925 E. Wells St., #917, Milwaukee, Wis. 53202
Self-employed clinical social worker in sentencing consulting practice

3. COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS AND TENANTS of Conta & Associates, Inc.:

Professional Account Management LLC
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Guardian/First Commonwealth
The Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America
New York, New York

Humana, Inc.
Louisville, Kentucky

Marsh USA
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AON
ARS Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Merrill Lynch Global Markets & Investment Banking
New York, New York

Seeds of Health, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dana Investment Advisors, Inc.
Brookfield, Wisconsin

CLIENTS Of unincorporated
business operated by Deborah Gardner Conta:

Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Law firm of Friebert, Finert & St. John, S.C.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
Washington, D.C.

4. n/a

5. NON-COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

6260 Oak Road, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin
Door County, Wisconsin own

6. n/a

7. n/a

8. CREDITORS

Associated Bank
Milwaukee, Wisconsin More than \$50,000

Maritime Savings Bank
Milwaukee, Wisconsin More than \$50,000

Chase VISA Less than \$50,000

9. EMPLOYERS

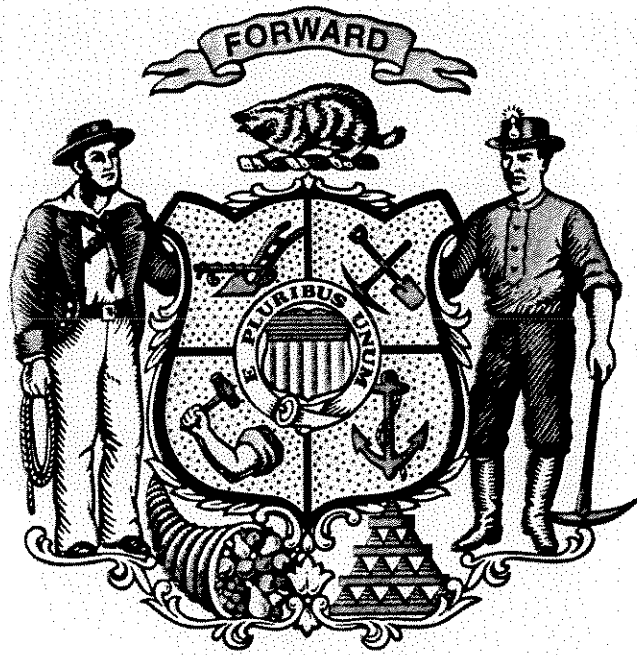
Conta & Associates, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin Consulting

10. ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME

Social Security
State and Federal income tax refunds

11. n/a

12. n/a



Wisconsin Association of Health Plans

Senator Dan Kapanke
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator ~~Kapanke~~ ^{Dan}:

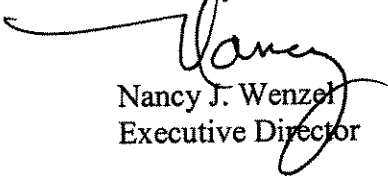
Thank you for taking the time to hold a public hearing on Governor Doyle's 13 appointments to the newly created Health Insurance Risk Sharing Plan (HIRSP) Authority Board. Each appointee will bring a great deal of expertise to the HIRSP Authority Board and will help ensure that all HIRSP stakeholders are well-represented when the new HIRSP Authority begins operation on July 1, 2006.

On behalf of the Wisconsin Association of Health Plans, I encourage you to vote to confirm all 13 of the Governor's HIRSP Authority Board appointments. I have had the good fortune of working with the majority of the appointees on a wide range of state issues and know they will each commit the time and energy necessary to make HIRSP more effective in responding to changes in health care delivery and health insurance.

Jay Fulkerson, CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Wisconsin, Inc., **Larry Zanoni**, Executive Director of Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin, **Pat Jerominski**, President/CEO of Independent Care, Inc., and **Michele Bachhuber**, M.D, Marshfield Clinic, **all have a great deal of experience in disease management programs for persons with chronic diseases** and will help the HIRSP Authority develop strategies to ensure appropriate access to evidence-based treatment for HIRSP participants.

Thank you again for holding a public hearing and quickly scheduling executive action. I encourage you to vote to confirm all 13 of the Governor's appointments to the HIRSP Authority Board and to recommend that the State Senate confirm the appointees en masse. Please feel free to contact me regarding any of the appointees. All good wishes.

Sincerely,


Nancy J. Wenzel
Executive Director