

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2008

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

CHIEF CLERK'S ENTRIES

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Thursday, April 24, 2008.

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–019

Relating to disclosure of unemployment insurance records and affecting small businesses.

Submitted by Department of Workforce Development .

Report received from Agency, April 23, 2008.

Referred to committee on **Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development, Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection**, April 24, 2008.

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Monday, April 28, 2008.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND
REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS; REFERENCE OF APPOINTMENTS**

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

April 22, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint FULKERSON, JAY, of Menasha, as a member of the Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan Authority, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**.

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

April 22, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint GREENLEY, DIANNE, of

McFarland, as a member of the Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan Authority, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**.

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

April 22, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint PEIRICK, CAROL, of Madison, as a member of the Health Insurance Risk–Sharing Plan Authority, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation**.

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

April 22, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint SHAVER, DALE, of Waukesha, as a member of the Waste Facilities Siting Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM DOYLE

Governor

Read and referred to committee on **Environment and Natural Resources**.

The Chief Clerk makes the following entries dated Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

**REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS
CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

The committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs, Biotechnology and Financial Institutions** reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 08–015

Relating to small business enforcement discretion.

No action taken.

JIM SULLIVAN

Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Reference Bureau**

April 30, 2008

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The following rules have been published in the April 30, 2008 Wisconsin Administrative Register No. 628:

<u>Clearinghouse Rules</u>	<u>Effective Date(s)</u>
06-005	9-1-2008
07-008	5-1-2008
07-035	5-1-2008
07-037	5-1-2008
07-040	5-1-2008
07-045	5-1-2008
07-075	5-1-2008
07-087	5-1-2008

Sincerely,
BRUCE J. HOESLY
Senior Legislative Attorney/Code Editor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

April 15, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a best practices review of local government operations, as directed by s. 13.94(8), Wis. Stats. This report focuses on public library services provided by Wisconsin's municipalities and counties, with support from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Wisconsin has 388 public libraries, which are funded primarily with municipal and county taxes, as well as 17 regional library systems supported by state aid. These libraries and systems employed more than 3,200 full-time equivalent staff in 2006, when their operating expenditures totaled \$210.4 million.

The 17 regional library systems are statutorily required to provide specific services, such as interlibrary loans of materials, reference assistance, and consulting services to member libraries. Consulting services include assistance with promoting library use, addressing the needs of users with special needs, and evaluating current and future building and space requirements. The regional library systems also provide libraries with technology support, which includes troubleshooting and consulting for purchases of software and hardware. More than one-half of the libraries we surveyed indicated an online catalog is the most valuable service provided by their regional library system.

Through surveys and interviews with the directors of individual libraries and all 17 regional library systems, we identified best practices related to collaboration among systems, effectively using volunteers, securing adequate technology support, and periodically assessing patron needs.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by DPI, the regional library system directors, and the many public library directors who responded to our survey and our additional requests for information.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau**

April 18, 2008

The Honorable, The Legislature:

We have completed a review of dental care services provided under the State's Medical Assistance program, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Dentists statewide have long expressed concern about the amounts they are reimbursed under the program. In fiscal year (FY) 2006-07, when approximately \$46.0 million was spent for dental services provided to Medical Assistance recipients, only 1,342 of 3,493 licensed dentists in Wisconsin, or 38.4 percent, were certified as Medical Assistance providers statewide.

We focused our analysis on four counties in southeast Wisconsin in which dental services are provided to Medical Assistance recipients through health maintenance organizations (HMOs). We found lower utilization of dental care services among HMO enrollees, particularly for those under the age of 21, and higher costs than in the fee-for-service system used in other counties. Furthermore, HMO utilization rates have not improved in the past five years. We therefore include a recommendation for the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), which administers the Medical Assistance program, to develop alternative dental service delivery models for southeast Wisconsin before current contracts expire in December 2009.

The Legislature has recently funded alternative programs to improve dental care services to low-income and underserved populations in varied settings, including federally funded community health centers. For example, since FY 2005-06 it has appropriated \$16.3 million in general purpose revenue for various dental clinics and programs. In December 2006 the Joint Committee on Finance approved the distribution of \$4.1 million in federal funds as one-time grants to expand dental services provided through specific clinics and programs statewide.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of DHFS and other parties with whom we met in conducting this review.

Sincerely,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor

**State of Wisconsin
Government Accountability Board**

April 29, 2008

The Honorable, The Senate:

The following lobbyists have been authorized to act on behalf of the organizations set opposite their names.

For more detailed information about these lobbyists and organizations and a complete list of organizations and people authorized to lobby the 2007-2008 session of the legislature, visit the Government Accountability Board's web site at <http://ethics.state.wi.us/>

Alig, Joanne	Wisconsin Association of Health Plans
Glenn, Deb	Park Towne Management, Inc.
Leonard, Ramie	Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS)
McIntosh, Forbes	Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS)
Ring, Jim	Park Towne Management, Inc.
White, Bill	Park Towne Management, Inc.

Also available from the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,
KEVIN KENNEDY
 Director and General Counsel

**Motions Under Senate Rule 98 and Joint Rule 7
 for the Month of March 2008**

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for A+ Mortgage, on the occasion of being named the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Business of the Year.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Suzanne Barry, on the occasion of being named the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Rookie of the Year.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Schultz, for Jerry Baryenbruch, on the occasion of his 50 years with the Spring Green EMS.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Hansen, for the Bay Port Boys basketball team, on the occasion of a remarkable season and their first trip ever to the WIAA Division 1 State Tournament.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Callen Construction, on the occasion of being named the recipient of the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Mayor's Beautification Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Cowles, for the family and friends of Joel Cartier, on the occasion of the dedication of the Joel P. Cartier Environmental Classroom in his memory.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for Ernesto Chacon, on the occasion of his retirement after years of dedicated service in the Governor's office.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Paul Joseph Dress, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Connor Emmel, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Harsdorf, for Matt Flanders, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Kyle William Flynn, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for the Fox Point – Bayside School Band, on the occasion of being selected by the Wisconsin School Music Association to partake in "Music in Our Schools Month".

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Kim Hastings, on the occasion of being named the 2007 New Berlin Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for InPro Corporation, on the occasion of being a recipient of the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 V.I.P. Volunteer in Partnership Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Kanavas, for Eric Jonardi, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Andrew Edward Jodarski, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lehman, for David Kherdian, on the occasion of receiving the Emily Lee Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lasee, for Maynard Kuehl, on the occasion of being selected as the Kewaunee Rotary Club 2008 Person of the Year.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Gail Lione, on the occasion of receiving the 2008 Sacagawea Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Schultz, for Joe Machovec, on the occasion of his years of service to the people of Washington Township.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Alexander Marsland, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Harsdorf, for Benjamin Matthys, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Alyssa McCormack, on the occasion of being the recipient of the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Youth Volunteer Scholarship Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Ellis, for Reid Douglas Michie, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for the Middleton Girls' Basketball Team, on the occasion of their appearance at the 2008 WIAA Girls' Basketball Tournament.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for The Monroe Girls' Basketball Team, on the occasion of their appearance at the 2008 Wisconsin Girls' State Basketball Tournament.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Kanavas, for Patrick Murphy, on the occasion of his years of service as a member of the School District of Elmbrook Board of Education.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for the New Berlin Eisenhower Boys' Basketball Team and head coach David Scheidegger, on the occasion of winning the 2008 Division 2 Boys' State Basketball Championship.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Kyle B. Olson, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Grothman, for Zachary Alan Ostrowski, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Fitzgerald, for Lynn Persha, on the occasion of her years of service to the Hustisford School District.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Cowles, for Joe Pliner, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Don Reidy, owner of Reidy Tractor Services, on the occasion of receiving the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Appreciation Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Schultz, for J. Michael Roraff, on the occasion of his retirement after twenty years of service as Director of the Juneau County Department of Human Services.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Lori J. Schniker, on the occasion of being the New Berlin Chamber of Commerce 2007 John Ziino Civic Award Recipient.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Jack Spoerl, on the occasion of being named the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Ambassador of the Year.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Cogs, for St. Matthew Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, on the occasion of celebrating their 90th Anniversary.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Taylor, for St. Matthew Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, on the occasion of celebrating their 90th Anniversary.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Kanavas, for Cheri Sylla, on the occasion of her years of service as a member of the School District of Elmbrook Board of Education.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Commander Jim Tratz, on the occasion of Jim's service and commitment to both AMVETS and Veterans all over.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Jauch, for Bob and Brud Ungrodt, on the occasion of their retirement after years of service to the Washburn citizens through Ungrodt Hardware Company.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Zachary Van Natta, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for the Verona Girls' Basketball team, on the occasion of making an appearance at the 2008 Wisconsin Girls' State Basketball Tournament.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Lazich, for Waukesha State Bank, on the occasion of receiving the Muskego Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 recipient of the Directors Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Sullivan, for the Wauwatosa Beautification Committee, on the occasion of being the recipient of a Scenic Beauty Award.

A certificate of commendation by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Nathan Wilde, on the occasion of earning and attaining the rank of the Eagle Scout Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Darling, for Dr. Earnestine Willis, on the occasion of receiving the 2008 Sacagawea Award.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Erpenbach, for Jacqueline Wipperfurth, on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Revenue after 39 years of service.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Senate on the motion of Senator Vinehout, for Gerald "Jerry" Wood, on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his years of dedicated service.

A certificate of congratulations by the Wisconsin Legislature on the motion of Senator Roessler, for Zacherl Funeral Home, on the occasion of providing the Fond du Lac area with 150 years of compassion and dignity.