

# Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES March 4, 2003

Facilitator Theresa Fishler called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Introductions of those attending were made. Draft agenda for the meeting included:

- Introductions
- Review of Feb 4 meeting minutes
- Grassroots Trainings updates
- April 23 Rally
- Button and T Shirts
- Set next meeting time

Those present included: Nancy Anderson, Chris L'Heureux, Duncan McNelly, Mark Thomas Ryan, Jeffrey Johnson, Theresa Fishler, Dan Rossiter, Stacy Maurer, Sheila Kelly and Ken Hobbs.

The February 4, 2003 meeting minutes were approved.

**Grassroots Trainings**—Appears fliers have gone out, some agencies sent out last week. No firm estimates yet of how many people will be attending. We should call Ken Hobbs to confirm our numbers. Looks like some child care volunteers will be needed as some parents have asked for childcare. Jeff thinks about 15-20 from People First may attend. Duncan can take care of copying although he would need to receive the handouts electronically, or in person, a week before the first event. We should make email or in-person contacts to follow up and check on attendance by March 17 and let Ken know our numbers.

Sheila Kelly said she would work on getting food donations for the events. Ken will bring soda, Duncan said they could provide coffee at the Olin location. People First will have a resource table at the events.

**Buttons and Tshirts**—WCDD has buttons and T-shirts that the local PCW Coalitions can have for free. Some local coalitions are selling the items to raise money for their coalitions. Group discussed whether or not we should sell the buttons and T-shirts at the Grassroots Trainings or whether we should have them available for free, with a suggested donation for each. If money were raised, it could be used to fund another picnic in the Fall. Decided to request as many as we could get (that would not take away buttons and T-shirts that other coalitions would request and sell for fundraising) and have them available at the March 20 and 22 events. Will also have them available at trainings being held at 122 E. Olin between now and the April 23 rally. Should encourage everyone to wear their red shirts to the April 23 Rally.

**April 23 Rally**- Nancy Anderson is Chair of the event organizing. Getting people at the Capital that day between 12 Noon and 1:00pm is key. People can bring signs to the event, but they can't be attached to sticks. There will also be a "Speak Out" from 1:30-3:00 in a room on site so that the press can hear people speak out on different issues. We should try to encourage people to talk with press. Should also help people make

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contacts with their Legislators that day. Fliers will be sent out shortly with rally details and another request for volunteers. The announcement will also be put on DAWN. About 135 volunteers will be needed. **If you want to volunteer, call Shell Gross at 608-250-4368.**

A pool of "Screeners" is still needed. In the event the Capital security level is raised the day of the event, these screeners will be deployed so that people be screened at multiple entrances and enter the building more quickly. Contact Ken Hobbs if you wish to volunteer for this activity. A security screening training will be held before the Rally.

At the March 20 and 22 trainings, it was suggested that we have people sign up if they plan to attend the April 23 rally and sign up to see their Legislator that day. We will need to help people that day see their Legislator. Jeffrey Johnson suggested that it's helpful to see Legislators in groups. It was further suggested that local Dane county residents sign up to see their Legislator in the morning before the Rally. At our April 1 PCW Coalition meeting we should discuss how to support people with the Legislator visits.

It was suggested that we have a photographer at the Rally taking pictures of people attending. The question of whether we'd need a release to publish the pictures was raised. Dan Rossiter said that he would check that out with the Dane County Corporation Council.

Nancy Anderson will talk about the Rally at the March 20 and 22 trainings.

**Next meeting dates**—the Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition will meet on April 1, 2003 at 12:30pm. Agenda topics for that meeting include a review of the March trainings as well as a status update on the April 23 Rally. The Coalition will also meet on May 6, 2003 at 12:30pm with agenda topics to include 2004 Dane County Budget issues. Both meetings will be held at 122 E. Olin. Avenue, Madison WI.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Fishler