

# Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition

## **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES February 4, 2003**

Facilitator Ken Hobbs 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
- Feedback on the Jan. 30, 2003 training
- Workgroup report—Grassroots trainings on March 20, 6-9 pm; Mar. 22, 1-4 pm
- Rally
- Other items
- Set next meeting time

Those present included: Ken Hobbs, Beth Hougen, Mark Krummel, Dan Rossiter, Chris L'Heureux, Lisa Pugh, Stacy Maurer, Terry Penniston, Jeffrey Johnson, Theresa Fishler and Duncan McNelly

**Feedback on the Jan. 30, 2003 Training with Dane County Lobbyists**—The information from Mickey Beil and David Carlson was very helpful. Some were inspired to run for office. All in all, it was very educational. Information presented was well organized. Information on how to talk to legislators was especially helpful. Would have been interesting to find out how many people each of the PCW contacts attending, represent. This number would be good to add in communications with legislators down the road.

Change suggested for next sessions: Define terms and acronyms used throughout the sessions on a handout that each participant would receive.

It was pointed out that PCW Coalition should remember that Mickey and David are Dane County lobbyists and they may have different issues on their agenda at times than those of the PCW Coalition. These issues may not be in conflict with ours, just different. It was agreed that the lobbying process they explained in their presentation is most useful to us.

**Workgroup Report on Grassroots Training-** Lisa, Mark and Ken met with Dennis Harkins on 2/4/03 to discuss the trainings for March 20 and March 22. Dennis is available on those dates and will be part of the presentations. Tentative agenda for the trainings look like this:

- March 20— 6:00-8:30 pm—Training—45 mins. Basic advocacy with Dennis Harkins; 45 mins. State budget issues and relevance For all; 30 mins. Practice time (crafting and delivering your message); 20 mins. Presentation from Mickey Beil and David Carlson  
8:30-9:00 pm—Q & A
- March 22-- 1-3:30 pm—Training (same items as on March 20)  
3:30-4:00 pm—Q & A

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Handout packets will include: April 23, 2003 rally flier; information from Dennis Harkins; PCW Coalition information; Action Plan for Advocacy; Legislator directories (State and County); Information from Mickey and David's previous presentation to the PCW Coalition.

Those who attended the Jan. 30 training session will send invitations to the March 20 and March 22 events to their group constituents and take RSVP's from them. Lisa will draft a flier for distribution through those contacts; Ken will do an announcement for a DAWN alert. Discussed that everyone should be signed up for DAWN.

Brainstormed potential title for the trainings. "The State Budget and You: Knowledge and Skills you need to make a difference now" sounded good to the group. Also wondered about providing childcare and the location for the trainings. Would need to know the scope of childcare needed in order to have enough volunteers to provide it. Could ask the social work students in Susan Kidd Webster's field unit to assist. Also, the Olin Ave. space isn't conducive to providing childcare...talked about the Alliant Center or Public Library as possible locations for the trainings. (Ideas generated after the meeting included using the upstairs conference room in the Olin Ave. building OR using the Waisman Center auditorium for the Saturday only session and provide childcare for that session only. That idea is still pending). Workgroup will further discuss these questions and all information will be included in the flier Lisa is developing.

**April 23, 2003 Rally**—Noon to 1:00 pm, Capital Rotunda—We need to get as many people concerned about issues there as possible. Rally sponsored by the Survival Coalition. PCW Coalition will need to have volunteers to help that day assisting those attending with needs they have; helping people get to their legislator offices; general assistance with traffic flow and other logistics. Nancy Anderson is coordinating the logistics of the event. In the event the security at the Capital is higher that day, Capital Police have asked that we provide 10 volunteer Screeners to screen people coming in. If you are interested in being trained as a temporary Security Screener contact Ken Hobbs for further information. (Those trained would only be used in the event the security level at the Capital is raised for some reason).

It was suggested that we should be clear about how people can connect their own advocacy efforts, the trainings and the rally. Will include fliers in the packets at the March 20 and 22 trainings. Could Survival Coalition also develop something that makes the connection for people in their advocacy efforts?

**Other**—Discussed that the PCW logo is available on Word documents we've received via email.

**Next time to meet**—The Dane County PCW Coalition will meet March 4, 2003 at 12:30 pm, April 1, 2003 and May 6, 2003 at 12:30 pm at 122 E. Olin Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Fishler