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Second Quarter 2001 Highlights

- Joint Committee on Finance Adopts Amendment to Continue Program Staffing
- Board Members Confirmed by Senate; Officers Elected

Joint Committee on Finance Adopts Amendment to Continue Program Salaries

On Friday, May 4, the Joint Committee on Finance adopted a biennial budget motion to provide \$211,100 general purpose revenue (GPR) in 2001-02 for salaries, fringe benefits and associated supplies and services for the current staff of the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Program.

Without this budget amendment, the Office of Private Employer Health Care Coverage would likely have had to shut down on June 30. Other Department operations are funded from segregated public employee trust funds and cannot be used to support this program. This funding extension allows work on the program to continue.

The Department continues to work with interested legislators to explore a number of inter-related structural changes to the program.

Board Members Confirmed by Senate; Officers Elected

On Tuesday, May 1, the Senate confirmed the appointments of the following members of the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board:

- DeWayne Bierman, Insurer Representative
- Kenneth Conger, Public Representative
- James Janes, Employer Representative
- James Krogstad, Agent Representative
- Gary Meier, Public Representative
- Christopher Queram, Employer Representative
- Tim Size, Hospital Representative

Two remaining Board members—Gina Erickson, Employee Representative; and John Turcott, HMO Representative—have yet to appear before the Senate Committee on Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

The PEHCC Board met that same afternoon and elected the following officers: Tim Size, Chair; Christopher Queram, Vice Chair; and James Krogstad, Secretary.

Minutes and other materials from PEHCC Board meetings are available from the Department's web site at <http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/etf/etf/etf12p15.htm> or may be requested from Gina Fischer, Board Coordinator, 608-266-1652 or gina.fischer@etf.state.wi.us.

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