

A Force for Positive Change - The Journey Up Till Now and Into the Future

Agenda – Wednesday March 8, 2017: Alliant Energy Center

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome - Monica Bear, Dane County Adult Services Manager
9:15 – 10:15	Keynote: <i>Encore Studio for the Performing Arts</i> <i>Change. We're In This Together.</i> Encore's keynote will include short films; improvisation; a panel discussion; a bit a music and a dose or two of drama and comedy. Encore Studio for the Performing Arts is the only professional theatre company for people with disabilities in the state of Wisconsin, and one of the very few in the United States! Encore offers an innovative, inclusive, and professional environment where all people work together in the pursuit of artistic and theatrical excellence.
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:30	Break Out Sessions <i>Conversations about Navigating IRIS and Family Care: Perspectives from individuals, family members, and providers</i> Facilitated by Patti Becker, board member of InControl Wisconsin, whose mission is advancing self-directed supports in Wisconsin; and Eric Linn Miller, Dane County Human Services <i>A Side-by-Side Comparison of Family Care and IRIS</i> For nearly 10 years now, IRIS and Family Care have been competing to best meet people's desires to live the lives they want, with the support they need. Dennis Harkins has worked with both programs and will describe the basic similarities and differences between these two programs. Dennis Harkins is a long time Dane County resident who assisted in the transition of Dane County to Self-Directed Services; the development of SDS within Family Care; and with the development and early implementation of IRIS. He is a board member of Options in Community Living, and Support Broker Consultants.
11:30 – 1:00	Lunchtime Session <i>Choicey Awards and Music by Ricardo Vasquez</i> The Choicey Awards were created in 2011 to recognize the many good things that happen in people's lives here in Dane County. We believe it is important to acknowledge successes and achievements, both personal and organizational, in our lives and the lives of others. Music by Ricardo Vasquez : Ricardo plays marimba along with several percussive instruments including drum set, timpani, bass drum, snare drum, bells, and cymbals. Ricardo offers live music performances of classical, seasonal and traditional melodies played on the marimba. Ricardo also tunes pianos.
1:00 – 2:00	Break Out Sessions (Repeat morning topics)
2:00 – 2:30	Closing Remarks