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Subject: Public Comments - Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Dear Ms. Bloomberg:

This is to let you know that I intend to offer public comments during the meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care on November 3, 2009.

My comments will be as follows:

Good Afternoon:

My name is Fred Buhr. I live at 6112 Exchange Street in McFarland, WI.

I am a volunteer data entry clerk for the McFarland Senior Outreach Program. My principle duties relate to entering personal health related data (PHR) into the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) for participants in the congregate and home delivered meals programs offered under the Older Americans Act.

I began my tenure as data entry clerk in August 2007 and immediately noticed a vast difference in operating policies between SAMS and systems developed by the state of Wisconsin such as the Human Services Reporting System (HSRS). HSRS operating policies are found on the Web.

Following months of seeking clarification as to the authority of the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR) to operate the SAMS system, I wrote to Secretary Morgan of the Department of Administration and Secretary Timberlake of the Department of Health and Family Services requesting that the electronic records in SAMS be removed from out-of-state data centers and placed in HSRS at Wisconsin's data center. I suggested that a risk assessment as to whether security breaches might have occurred over the past several years be conducted.

During 2008 I presented comments at several committee meetings of the Dane County Board giving my opinion that the Dane County Area Agency on Aging was egregiously violating the privacy rights of all participants in the congregate and home delivered meal programs and that their electronic health records were housed in data centers of questionable security.

I have attached the nutritional assessment form that all recipients are encouraged to complete along with an entry screen from the SAMS system. These attachments are the basis for several of my concerns which I'll briefly describe.

The Warning Signs of poor nutritional health are often overlooked. Use this checklist to find out if you or someone you know is at nutritional risk.

Read the statements below.

Circle the number in the yes column for those that apply to you.

For each yes answer, score the number in the box.

Total your nutritional score.

DETERMINE YOUR NUTRITIONAL HEALTH

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		YES
QI 01	I have an illness or condition that made me change the kind and/or amount of food I eat.	2
QI 02	I eat fewer than 2 meals per day.	3
QI 03	I eat few fruits or vegetables, or milk products.	2
QI 04	I have 3 or more drinks of beer, liquor or wine almost every day.	2
QI 05	I have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard for me to eat.	2
QI 06	I don't always have enough money to buy the food I need.	4
QI 07	I eat alone most of the time.	1
QI 08	I take 3 or more different prescribed or over-the-counter drugs a day.	1
QI 09	Without wanting to, I have lost or gained 10 pounds in the last 6 months.	2
QI 010	I am not always physically able to shop, cook, and/or feed myself.	2
	TOTAL	0

Total Your Nutritional Score. If it's -

0-2 **Good!** Recheck your nutritional score in 6 months.

3-5 **You are at moderate nutritional risk.**
See what can be done to improve your eating habits and lifestyle. Your office on aging, senior nutrition program, senior citizens center or health department can help.
Recheck your nutritional score in 3 months.

6 or more **You are at high nutritional risk.**
Bring this checklist the next time you see your doctor, dietitian or other qualified health or social service professional. Talk with them about any problems you may have. Ask for help to improve your nutritional health.

Remember that warning signs suggest risk, but do not represent diagnosis of any condition. Turn the page to learn more about the Warning Signs of poor nutritional

These materials have been adapted from the Nutrition Screening Initiative, a project of American Academy of Family Physicians, The American Dietetic Association and National Council on the Aging, Inc.

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The information you are being asked to provide is needed to determine if you are eligible to receive Older Americans Act Services and to comply with federal reporting requirements. This information will be stored in a secure electronic database and will not be used for any other purpose. Your information will not be shared with another agency without your permission. This information will not be sold to anyone. You have the right to review your electronic record and request changes to assure accuracy. You will not be denied most services if you refused to provide this information. If you have questions regarding this, please call the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County at 261-9700.

Social Assistance Management System - [McFarland (Training Case Only) - Consumer]

File Edit View Tools Window Help

Dashboard Consumers Activities & Referrals Rosters Routes Reports

Consumers McFarland (Training Case Only) - Consumer

Close Consumer Save Save and Close Status Wizard Print Summary Screen

McFarland (Training Case Only) 1386562746 Unknown Unknown

McFarland (Training Case Only) **5915 Milwaukee Street**
(1386562746) H. (608) 838-7117 **McFarland, WI 53558**
 Primary Care Manager: (Not Assigned)

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Personal	Characteristics	Insurance
Social Sec. No.	Language English	Medicaid #
Date of Birth Unknown	Homebound No	Medicaid Policy #
Age Unknown	Frail No	Medicare #
Reason: Automatic	Disabled No	Medical Assistance ID
Status: Deactivation	Is Abused/ Neglected/ Exploited No	User Fields (Add New)
Inactive	NAPIS	Diagnosis1 (Edit)
Status Date: 10/02/2009	Ethnicity Not Hispanic or Latino	Diagnosis2 (Edit)
AKA Name	Is In Poverty Don't Know	Diagnosis3 (Edit)
Maiden Name	Lives Alone Don't Know	Diagnosis4 (Edit)
Info Release? No	High Nutritional Risk Don't Know	Routes (Add New)
Date Registered Unknown	Is Rural Yes	Current Care Recipients (Add New)
Details Last Reviewed Unknown	Number of ADLs Not Assessed	
Marital Status Unknown	Number of IADLs Not Assessed	
Gender		
County Dane		
Municipality Not Indicated		
Primary Phone Number Not Indicated		
Current Contacts (Add New)		
Current Care Enrollments (Add New)		
03-Title III (Active) (Edit)		
05/01/2008 - None		
Current Service Suspensions (Add New)		

Add User Field

Details

User Field	Prompt	Value
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