



October 1, 2004

The Honorable Jim Doyle  
Governor  
Room 115 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53703

Mr. Patrick Fuller, Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
17 West Main St., Suite 208  
Madison, WI 53708

Mr. Robert J. Marchant, Chief Clerk  
Wisconsin State Senate  
17 West Main St., Room 401  
Madison, WI 53707

Re: Wisconsin Women's Council's 2001-2003 Biennial Report

Wisconsin Statutes §16.01(2)(g) requires the Council to submit a biennial report on its activities to the Governor and to the Chief Clerk of each house of the legislature. This letter is intended to fulfill this statutory requirement. A list of Council Members and a budget/staffing summary for the 2001-2003 biennium are provided in Attachments.

The Wisconsin Women's Council did not meet frequently during the 2001-2003 biennium. Nonetheless, a review of the records shows a wide range of programs and activities that continued to be carried out by the Council under its program of work. During the reporting period, the Council continued to build on successful projects begun in the previous biennium, including programs such as Wardrobes for Working Women (a Council program that has been modeled nationally), the Financial Education Blueprint, and marital property law education. The Council gave emphasis to developing its web site with links and reference materials to serve as a resource for Wisconsin women, as well as providing links to the Council's own products such as the Financial Blueprint and other educational materials. During the reporting period, the Council also distributed a reprinted version of its Directory, Wisconsin Women's Resources 2001. Finally, the Council continued its outreach efforts by speaking to a variety of community and professional organizations, and partnering and serving on committees with organizations focused on helping Wisconsin women improve their lives.

In 2004, in a collaborative effort by the Governor and Legislative Leaders, a new group of Women's Council members was appointed and I was hired as Executive Director. This revitalized group has been hearing testimony from the leadership of state agencies and other organizations concerned with issues affecting women in order to fulfill its mission – that is, to identify barriers that prevent women from participating fully and equally in various aspects of life and to develop long-term solutions to women's economic and social inequality in this state. The strategic plan that is developing out of these efforts is designed to guide Council activities in the coming years.

Questions about the Wisconsin Women's Council and requests for additional copies of this report may be directed to the Wisconsin Women's Council, 101 East Wilson, 8<sup>th</sup> fl., Madison, WI 53703, or by telephone at (608) 266-2219.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Christine Lidbury*

Christine Lidbury  
Executive Director

cc: Mary Jo Baas, Past Chair, Wisconsin Women's Council  
Kristine Martinsek, Chair, Wisconsin Women's Council

Attachments

Attachment 1  
Wisconsin Women's Council Members (2001-2003)

The Council records indicate that, during the reporting period, the following individuals were variously appointed members of the Wisconsin Women's Council.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Appointment Expiration</u>
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**Public Members Appointed by the Governor:**

Mary Jo Baas, Chair	Madison, WI	6/30/04
Jill Averill	Neillsville, WI	6/30/03
Ave Bie (Governor's Designee)	Madison, WI	6/30/03
Lt. Gov. Margaret Farrow	Madison, WI	6/30/02
Celeste Hoze	Milwaukee, WI	6/30/04
Sarah Kidd	Madison, WI	6/30/03
Ann Peggs	Green Bay, WI	6/30/03
Kristina Stuart	Fitchburg, WI	6/30/03
Lynetta Kopp	La Crosse, WI	6/30/03

**Public Members Appointed by the Assembly Speaker:**

E. Vanessa Jones	Milwaukee, WI	6/03/04
Deb Jordahl	Madison, WI	6/30/03

**Legislators Appointed by the Assembly Speaker:**

Rep. Judy Krawczyk	88 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	1/6/03
Rep. Terri McCormick	56 <sup>th</sup> Assembly District	1/6/03

**Public Members Appointed by the Senate President:**

Severa Austin	Madison, WI	6/30/03
Kathy Blumenfeld	Madison, WI	6/30/04
Gina Bosben	Madison, WI	6/30/03
Carol Brooks	Madison, WI	6/30/02

**Legislators Appointed by the Senate Majority Leader:**

Senator Gwen Moore	4 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	6/30/04
Senator Kim Plache	21 <sup>st</sup> Senate District	6/30/02
Senator Judith Robson	15 <sup>th</sup> Senate District	6/30/03

Attachment 2  
Wisconsin Women's Council  
Agency Staffing and Budget Information (2001-2003)

**Wisconsin Women's Council Staff:**

Kory Wolter, Acting Executive Director  
Katie Mnuk, Executive Director (until January 2003)

**Agency Budget:**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>
2003	\$ 99,800	\$ 72,880
2002	\$109,277	\$103,980

**Other Required Reporting:**

Wisconsin Statutes §230.215(4) requires reporting on flexible-time work schedules, additional permanent part-time positions and other alternative work patterns: Council executive staff may use a flexible-time work schedule when meetings or speeches occur in the evening or on weekends.