

## **Anatomy of Health Care Reform in Iowa from the Perspective of ICA**

*(\*Asterisked items had the active involvement of direct care workers)*

\*Spring 2006: Publish and distribute ICA/BJBC's "Providing Health Care for Health Care Workers – A Case Statement/Action Plan"

\*Summer 2006: Prepare statement of ICA/BJBJ Health Care Reform Principles

Fall 2006: Collaborate with National Coalition on Health Care/former Iowa Governor Robert Ray and AARP on health care forums leading up to 2006 Governor's Election

\*October and November 2006: Production of Real People/Real Stories Video

\*December 2006: Hosting *Massachusetts Day in Iowa* and getting key business, government and media leaders to attend. 1<sup>st</sup> showing of Real People video

\*January 2007: ICA Legislative Day on the Hill and messaging on health care

January-March 2007: Work with key legislators to encourage action to follow-up on Massachusetts Day in Iowa. Help craft language regarding the proposal for a Legislative Commission.

\*March 2007: Lobbying for and Passage of legislation to create the Legislative Commission on Health Care Reform

July-December 2007: Participation in the Commission Meetings and the Workforce Committee; sharing of Real People video and information packet with all Commission members

\*Fall 2007: Participation in the Hearings on Health Care Reform led by former Iowa Governors Vilsack and Branstad

\*December 2007: Participation in Health and Long Term Care Workforce Summit sponsored by Department of Public Health and assist with drafting of summit report

\*January 2008: ICA Legislative Day on the Hill and messaging on health care

January 2008: Formation of the Iowa Health Care for All Coalition

January-March 2008: Work with the Coalition to discuss and promote bill contents with legislators and other interest groups....nurses, nursing home industry particularly. Attend and participate in the meetings of appropriate subcommittees and committees.

April 2008: As ICA and as a leader of the Coalition, engage in assistance with and negotiations regarding bill contents with key legislators. Communicate with Governor's Office on bill contents and identify any concerns. Be available daily/nightly at Capitol. Stay in touch with key legislative staff members on latest twists and turns.

\*April 2008: As vote approached, engage DCW's and DCW supporters in phone calling and e-mailing to legislators in support of bill.

April 2008: Be onsite at Capitol for votes in House and Senate and to have key leaders “see us” and the Coalition members

April 2008: Congratulate and Thank key legislators on their leadership and votes ASAP after the vote occurred

April and May 2008: Stay in communication with legislative leadership and Governor’s Office on intent to sign the bill

May 2008: Advise DCW’s and supporters of Governor’s intent and schedule to sign the bill into law.

May 2008: Attend the bill signing and acknowledge and thank everyone present.

May 2008: Set wheels in motion to reconvene the Iowa Health Care for All Coalition to begin work on implementation activities and to discuss plans to keep health care reform front and center in the upcoming fall Iowa Legislature elections (future legislatures will need to reaffirm their support for the reforms passed AND will need to appropriate additional funding).