

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

September 25, 2009

## Message from County Executive Walker

*Wages and benefits are cost drivers in the 2010 county budget, so changes in these areas are a major part of my budget proposal.*

*The budget is based on a 3% cut in wages (Dane Co asked for a 5% cut this week), and ending step increases and overtime for salaried employees.*

*It factors in a 5% employee contribution to the pension plan, which is the national average.*

*It is based on a 15% employee contribution for health care. The average American has a family plan that costs just over \$13,000 with the employee paying for some \$3,500 of the cost. The lowest cost family plan at the county costs \$17,000 with the employee paying less than \$850.*

*The budget creates a necessary balance between public and private sector wages and benefits.*

Scott



## 2010 Budget Address



County Executive Walker delivered his 2010 Budget Address at the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors meeting this week. (Photo above with Chairman Lee Holloway).

Click on following links for the full text of the speech and budget highlights:

<http://tinyurl.com/yd9h8np>

<http://tinyurl.com/ybzotpk>



Eleanore Oberle and her son, Paul (above), joined Walker at the budget address as he announced the expansion of Family Care funding to eliminate the wait lists for long-term support services for adults with physical and developmental disabilities, allowing services to be provided to an estimated 2,500 adults.

## National Award for BHD



(Photo L-R) Lisa Jo Marks – Acting Director of the Dept. of Health & Human Services, supervisors Mark Borkowski and Peggy West, John Chianelli – Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, Judge Marshall Murray – presiding judge at Children’s Court, Margaret Jefferson – Director, Families United of Milwaukee, Bruce Kamradt – Director of Children’s Mental Health Services, Milw. County and director of Wraparound Milwaukee, and Walker.

County Executive Walker congratulated the staff at BHD on receiving a prestigious award from Harvard University’s Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government for the Wraparound Milwaukee program. Milwaukee County received the 2009 Annie E. Casey Innovations Award in Children and Family System Reform.

“I appreciate the efforts of all the staff involved at BHD who coordinate with multiple parties to make this program successful,” said Walker. “The success of Wraparound Milwaukee is a shining example of the work they do and this award will allow other states to benefit from their experience.”

A PBS-produced documentary highlighting this year’s winners, **2009 Visionaries** <http://tinyurl.com/y95cqzp>

(scroll to 11:45 to view) includes a segment on the Wraparound Milwaukee program.

## Community Events

Link to the County Executive’s **Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation**:

<http://tinyurl.com/ydnbr7e>

County Executive Walker recently addressed members of the financial services industry at the **2009 Business Impact Seminar at M&I University**, giving an overview of government impact on business owners. Walker was also a panelist at the **American Cancer Society “CEOs Against Cancer” forum** at the Pfister Hotel, explaining the importance of wellness initiatives in place for Milwaukee County employees.

Walker was the keynote speaker at the **Riverwest Alumni Association** luncheon at Serb Hall. 250 alumni attended the gathering.



Walker presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Marge Singer Poker (photo below) who received her college degree at the age of 80.

