

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

May 21, 2010

Message from County Executive Walker

Barbara Beckert, the Milwaukee Director of Disabilities Rights of Wisconsin, and I met last week to discuss their report on the county mental health complex and we met again today. In particular, we met on the creation of a Community Advisory Council for the acute care unit that can make recommendations for improvements. On Wednesday, the Health and Human Needs Committee of the County Board approved a resolution to create a panel and the full board should vote on it next week.

We talked about including a broad spectrum of members on the panel - consumers, family members, advocates, community providers and staff - from all parts of the county.

In many ways, I hope this group can lay the same type of ground work that we put together as we tackled the issue of supportive housing needs a few years ago. At the time, there was a tremendous need that was identified in the news and we put together a team from throughout the community, which put into place an action plan. Those actions helped change the status of supportive housing - for the better - in our community. I think we can do it again.

Scott



County Executive Walker led the 7th Annual Executives' Ride on Saturday from the House of Harley (photo above) with about 150 riders. The group returned Thursday to the Harley-Davidson Museum.

AirTran Airways presented this year's ride, offsetting any taxpayer-related expenses. VISIT Milwaukee provided media packets.

Walker led the group on the 1700-mile, six-day, five-state tour throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan, stopping in more than 35 communities. He promoted Milwaukee area attractions including: our National Gold Medal Award-winning Parks, the zoo, Summerfest, Milwaukee Public Museum, Miller Park and the Milwaukee Brewers, State Fair, Harley-Davidson Museum, and Mitchell Airport. (Photo below: group before start of ride).



7th annual ride, cont.



County Executive Walker, shown above with AirTran Executive VP of Operations Klaus Goersch and Senior VP Kevin Healy.



County Executive Walker applauds as Sue Black addresses the riders about the Parks' National Gold Medal Award. Also in photo, Medal of Honor recipient Gary Wetzel and VISIT Milwaukee VP Dave Fantle.



Walker at the Dubuque Harley-Davidson dealership with AirTran representatives Denise Jones, Healy, Dubuque HD owner, Goersch, and Medal of Honor recipient Gary Wetzel.



Walker gives Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Pres. Kim Heinemann a sponsor's certificate for the hospitality shown the riders.

Ride returns to Harley-Davidson Museum



County Executive Walker wrapped up the six-day 2010 Executives' Ride at the Harley-Davidson Museum this week (photo above, group returning; photo below, Walker summarizes success of ride with local media).

