Community Services Committee Report Monday - 20 October 2025

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Insurance on the Market Place and HealthConnect - On the HealthCare.gov Marketplace, anyone qualifying for Special Enrollment can sign up at any time. And HealthConnect is a program where people making up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who live in Dane County could have their premium cost paid up front (not a reimbursement)

Lots of Layoffs Happening – Furloughed Federal workers. Non-profits employees funded by government grants are laying folks off.

Please Reach Out! Layoffs are happening in our area, and, in many cases, an official WARN is not issued - especially with the recent government terminations. Please reach out as there IS help available.

Toys for Tots – The US Marine Reserve led program with the mission to distribute new toys, books and other gifts to Dane Co families in need. We are looking for bin collection locations. Labor halls across the county would be great places. Let me know!

Volunteer Your Time –Help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County. Click here: http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/ You can volunteer as an individual or group (Local, family, civic, religious). Reminder: Dane County employees, this is a source for opportunities where you can "invest" your allowed/granted eight hours of volunteer time annually. If you need help finding something, please do reach out.

United Way 211 - Help Starts Here. United Way 211 is a free, confidential information and referral resource available via telephone (voice or text) or app 24 hours a day, every day. And the information is also available online at https://211wisconsin.org/.

Community Services- With rapid changes in civic affairs, community services are needed more than ever. We are looking to add new members to the AFL CIO/United Way of Dane County Community Services Committee, as well as activate Community Services Committees in your own locals. Contact me at john.smallwood@UWDC.org or Rob Hardin | Committee Chair | Hardin_Family@frontier.com

