



DANE COUNTY

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County Executive

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Alan Sweet, Chair
Community Services Committee
City of Madison
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Suite 225
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Chairman Sweet:

I genuinely appreciate your letter of December 15, 2009, and your interest in the work of the Dane County Task Force on Poverty. The Task Force Report and recommendations are an excellent road map to work on this critical issue. Poverty has grown, especially during the past few years, and has a negative impact on all aspects of the lives of those we serve.

We have created and/or strengthened numerous county programs to try to reduce poverty, including our Early Childhood Initiative, Joining Forces for Families, nutrition sites, added staff to process food stamp and W-2 applications and youth job programs, etc.

Several Dane County entities have and continue to address the recommendations brought forward by the Task Force. These include the Health and Human Needs Committee, the Human Services Board, and the W-2 Steering Committee. As a result, my understanding is that the County Board will not be reconvening the Task Force on Poverty at this time. If in the future we do so, we will keep your generous offer to participate in mind.

Thanks, again, for your interest and efforts. It is reassuring to know that the Community Services Committee for the City of Madison is working to reduce poverty and I truly appreciate all you and the City do.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Falk
Dane County Executive

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