

## **Governor Creates Committee to Study Health Care Workforce Shortage** ***DWD's Sec. Reinert and Tech School's Dr. Carpenter will Co-facilitate***

At a Madison press conference April 30, Gov. Scott McCallum announced that he has created a committee to study the health care workforce shortage. He asked Department of Workforce Development Secretary Jennifer Reinert and Wisconsin Technical College System President Dr. Richard Carpenter to form the committee, which will bring together health care providers, industry leaders, educators, union leaders and health care associations. WHA President Steve Brenton; Diane Peters, WHA vice president of workforce; and, Norma Tirado, representing the Wisconsin Society of Healthcare Human Resources Administration, joined McCallum at the press conference. Peters will represent WHA on the committee.

"It is time for a plan of action that will address the labor shortage threatening the state's health care," Gov. McCallum said. "By preparing a new generation of workers we will improve the industry, improve overall health care and build a better Wisconsin."

Gov. McCallum said the committee will have many objectives, including identifying ways to encourage people to enter health care fields, reviewing state health care education programs, and recommending changes to state policies and procedures that are barriers to people who want to enter and remain in the health care field.

Gov. McCallum said the committee is expected to meet for the first time at the end of May. He expects some recommendations from the committee in August.