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Write It Down! Help Us Get the Candidates to This Historic Event on the 18th ADA Anniversary!

July 26, 2008. Not only is it the date of the 18th anniversary of the signing of our civil rights law, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it's also the date set for a historic, nonpartisan, cross-disability forum on national disability policy, featuring the 2008 presidential candidates (invited) in Columbus, Ohio...The success of our last forum during the primaries in New Hampshire in November was due to all the hard work of our sponsors and grassroots in applying pressure on the campaigns. At that forum, we secured participation from seven presidential candidates, five of them in person. Most of the confirmations came just days or weeks before the actual event. The nature of the

campaigns is to confirm close in time to the event itself, so we want to make sure they hear from us loudly and often!

WHEN: Start today! The forum isn't until July 26, and we need daily, everyday pressure on the campaigns all the way until the event or until the candidates say they'll participate in the forum.

WHAT TO DO: Call, fax, e-mail the campaigns to create some friendly pressure on the campaigns by urging the candidates to participate in person at The National Forum on Disability Issues on July 26, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio.

REPORT BACK: Let us know what you hear! Send your updates to the Mod-

erator of the Justice for All national disability email list serve at JFAModerator@aol.com and use the subject line : "Ohio presidential forum."

Senator Barack Obama:

Obama for America
PO Box 8102
Chicago, IL 60680
Call: 866-675-2008
Fax: 312-819-2089

Senator John McCain

John McCain 2008
PO Box 16118
Arlington, VA 22215
Call: 703-418-2008
Fax: 703-752-2515

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Mental Health Block Grant for Peer Support

July 16, 2008, the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Meeting will be discussing the importance of continued funding of the Block Grant for Peer Support. These are the people who make recommendations for how much money

to give to Peer Run Services each year. We need them to see the value of the work we all do. Members of the public and others may send written comments **no later than July 25, 2008** to:

Peg Algar at Margaret.Algar@wisconsin.gov or by mail at

1 West Wilson Street,
Room 437
PO Box 7851
Madison, WI 53707-7851

A big thank you to Joe, Cliff, and Jack for the fish fry. The threesome served up about 200 fish fillets to about 25 people. The event was so well received, they may make this an annual event. Joe would like the proceeds to go towards gas or registration fees for the consumer conference. Thank you so much guys!

Welcome Deb Cady. Deb is a UW-Stout student in the Vocation Rehab program. She is going to offer classes on the computer on Mondays from 2-3pm.

Also, if you are interested seriously in budgeting or obtaining your GED, we have a gentleman who has a masters in education and has taught for years. If you'd like more information, call Nora at 855-7705.

Thanks