

Reply to Common Council File No. 021215
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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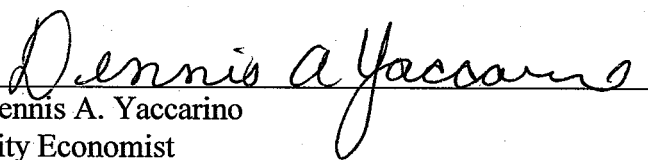
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Common Council file 021215 contains a communication from the Department of Employee Relations relative to the benefits from membership in the Wellness Council of Wisconsin and the Leapfrog Group for Patient Safety.

Both of these groups made presentations to the Mayor's Health Care Task Force demonstrating their ability to work to improve patient care and control health care costs. The Wellness Council of Wisconsin will provide the city with information, programs and incentive campaigns that are designed to improve the health of city employees. The Leapfrog Group for Patient Safety will work to improve the quality of service through the measurement of hospital safety measures.

There were two recommendations from Mayor's Health Care Task Force to join these groups. Joining the Wellness Council of Wisconsin was part of the recommendation to create a healthier Milwaukee. The recommendation to join Leapfrog was part of the initiative to improve the quality of patient care.

RECOMMENDATION: PLACE COMMON COUNCIL FILE 021215 THAT CONTAINS A COMMUNICATION FROM DER RELATIVE TO THE BENEFITS FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE WELLNESS COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN AND THE LEAPFROG GROUP FOR PATIENT SAFETY ON FILE.


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