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ContinuUs CEO Teri Buros to speak at Portage Long Term Care Forum

RFW in Action Executive Director Thomas Cook also to speak

Madison, Wis., – Teri Buros, the chief executive officer of [ContinuUs](#), the Managed Care Organization (MCO) formerly known as Southwest Family Care Alliance, will speak at a Long Term Care Forum on September 24 in Portage. She will be joined by the organization's regional program manager, Lisa Peterson, in making a presentation about the MCO's philosophy and specialized expertise.

ContinuUs, which is a Latin term that means "connected together," according to Ms. Buros, recently was awarded a contract to expand its services into south central Wisconsin, in competition with the first MCO to serve the area, [Care Wisconsin](#). The [A-Team](#) of South Central Wisconsin invited Ms. Buros to speak at the Forum, which will be held at [Northwoods, Inc.](#), located on U.S. Highway 51 South just 2 miles south of the city limits of Portage, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

ContinuUs is under contract with the Department of Health Services to deliver long term care services through Wisconsin's [Family Care](#) program. Family Care helps adults who qualify for government-funded assistance because of aging or a disability to live as independently as possible in their own homes and to work in their local communities.

Following the presentation by Ms. Buros and Ms. Peterson, Thomas Cook, executive director of [RFW in Action](#), will provide an update on the [ACCSES National Grassroots Action Campaign to Preserve a Full Array of Service Options](#). ACCSES members and the families of the people they serve are engaged in a campaign to write letters to Members of Congress asking them to contact the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with a request to modify a proposed regulation that would restrict or eliminate service options, including group homes, center-based day programs, and center-based work programs. A more extensive background document on the HHS proposed rule can be found [here](#). Mr. Cook will be providing materials to help concerned citizens join this campaign.

Wisconsin's Community Rehabilitation Programs provide employment opportunities to thousands of people with disabilities and economic disadvantages. Rehabilitation for Wisconsin in Action represents CRPs and other organizations that provide employment and community living services.

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