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## **SEIU HCWI Files Recertification Petition for PPCU Members**

(Milwaukee) – In response to requests from our membership, SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin filed a petition with the State of Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission for an annual certification election of the Professional Patient Care Unit (PPCU). Under Governor Walker’s Budget Repair Bill, all public employee unions must hold annual elections and win 51% of the bargaining unit to maintain their status.

“Our most vulnerable citizens rely on our state centers for mental health and developmental disabilities for the affordable, quality healthcare that can’t be found elsewhere,” said Dian Palmer, president of SEIU Healthcare Wisconsin. “Nurses and healthcare professionals understand that a collective voice equals safe staffing and quality patient care for the citizens of the state of Wisconsin. We will continue to stand up for our members any way we can, the recertification election is the first step in protecting our rights and quality care.”

The Public Patient Care Unit, which totals around 1,000 members, represents healthcare professionals in state mental health facilities, hospitals, and VA centers throughout Wisconsin.

### **SEIU HCWI MEMBER REACTIONS TO RECERTIFICATION**

“As a union member and registered Republican, I am shocked by Walker’s continued assault on working Wisconsinites. Since February, union members, both Republican and Democrat, have been united, fighting together against assaults on Labor and our rights. I support the recertification election and am urging fellow SEIU members to do the same. Our union not only helps protect the middle class, but gives us an avenue to protect and promote quality care.”

- Sandra Ives, Veterans Administration

“My father belonged to a union and I am proud to continue this tradition. Being in a union provides a mechanism to foster teamwork with peers and management. It also helps create a more stable, productive workforce—where workers have a say in improving their jobs. My union stands up for me, and I’m going to stand up for my union.”

- Bruce Wiley, Winnebago Mental Health

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