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Lon Newman at FPHS Presented with Award by International Consortium for Emergency Contraception
and American Society for Emergency Contraception

NEW YORK, October 25, 2010: The International Consortium for Emergency Contraception (ICEC) and the American Society for Emergency Contraception (ASEC) honored Lon Newman, the Executive Director of Family Planning Health Services (FPHS) in Wisconsin, with the Ellertson Innovation in EC award at their annual meeting held in New York on October 13th and 14th, 2010. This award was established by ASEC and Ibis Reproductive Health in honor of the late Charlotte Ellertson, who founded both groups, and is given annually to an individual or group that has made a bold move to expand access to EC. Lon Newman was nominated for the award by his colleagues and staff in the Family Planning Health Services Health Promotion department.

His staff spoke very highly of Lon's efforts and explained, "Lon Newman has steadfastly and consistently innovated service delivery in Wisconsin to provide better access to emergency contraception (EC). In the last year, Mr. Newman partnered with young Catholics for Choice to promote discussion of EC and pushed the State of Wisconsin to be the first state in the nation to apply for a state plan amendment to make its successful Family Planning Waiver a permanent part of the Medicaid program... As a result of these efforts, women in Wisconsin have a better understanding of emergency contraception and will continue [to] have access to emergency contraception through Medicaid."

As Clare Coleman, Executive Director of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) stated, "Wisconsin submitted their state plan amendment application before the federal government had even identified what they wanted in such an application. [Lon Newman is] to be commended for [his] leadership and hard work in advancing reproductive health services and rights for Wisconsin women."

The International Consortium for Emergency Contraception and the American Society for Emergency Contraception commend Lon Newman for all of his efforts to expand access to EC in Wisconsin. The award was presented at their annual joint meeting on October 13th and 14th, 2010, which brought together over 100 advocates, researchers, pharmaceutical representatives, and other leaders in the field to discuss expanding efforts to ensure access to EC. The award was shared with a leading Peruvian advocacy organization, PROMSEX.

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