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## <u>Rep. Dave Considine appointed ranking Democrat on</u> <u>Assembly Committee on Mental Health Reform</u>

**Madison** – Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) was recently appointed ranking Democrat on the Assembly Committee on Mental Health Reform. The committee consists of 11 members and is chaired by Rep. Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc).

"I have enjoyed sharing my experience and ideas as a member of the Mental Health Committee so far this session, and I feel honored to be named the committee's ranking Democrat," said Rep. Considine. "We have a significant opportunity to work together to expand on the availability and quality of mental health care for our fellow citizens. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues on the committee to create true, sustainable improvements in Wisconsin's mental health system."

Prior to his election to the Assembly in 2014, Rep. Considine taught students labeled emotionally and behaviorally disordered for 29 years at Jack Young Middle School in Baraboo. In this position, he worked extensively with local human services officials in providing wraparound care for these students and their families, facilitated communication and relationships among the medical and mental health communities and parents and served as a specialist and trainer in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention.

"Throughout his career as a special educator and now as a state legislator, Rep. Considine has demonstrated that he has the talent and dedication needed to make real progress in making meaningful mental health reforms in our communities," Assembly Democratic Leader Peter Barca (D-Kenosha). "Rep. Considine has already done exceptional work as a member of this important committee, and I am confident that he will make an even greater impact as the ranking Democratic member."

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