



PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL — MAY 2017 MEETING

Meeting. The Patient-Centered Health Advisory Council met on May 19, 2017, in West Des Moines. Typical committee business includes an update on the Iowa Medicaid Program and a legislative update. This year, [HF 393](#) directed the Council to submit a report on palliative care by December 31, 2017, and the Council briefly discussed plans to begin that process.

The Social Determinant of Health topic for the meeting was exploring health inequities. The Council received presentations and had discussions about the following topics:

- Dr. Bery Engebretsen and Will Walker, LISW, from Primary Health Care, discussed a provider's perspective on addressing disparities.
- Janice Edmunds-Wells, with the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health in the Iowa Department of Public Health, discussed health equity as a social determinant of health.
- A panel discussion with members of different advocacy organizations exploring health inequities in different population groups.
- A presentation from Joshua Barr, attorney for the Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Commission.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be on August 11, 2017, in Des Moines. Additional information, including handouts, can be obtained from the Legislative Services Agency and on the [Council's Website](#).

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