

**641—76.23(135) Membership.** Membership of the MCH advisory council shall include representatives of professional groups, agency representatives, legislators, and individuals with an interest in promoting health services for women and children.

**76.23(1)** Appointments to the council shall be made by the director.

*a.* Each appointment shall be for a term of three years, commencing on July 1.

*b.* No member shall serve more than two full consecutive terms (this provision may be waived by the director in exceptional cases).

*c.* In order to ensure that one third of the council rotates each year, staggered terms shall be initiated in June. For terms expiring during the calendar year, appointments and reappointments shall be staggered, resulting in a council with approximately one third of the terms of membership expiring in each year.

*d.* The goal is to attempt to implement a gender-balanced council membership.

*e.* The number of members shall not be fewer than 15 or more than 25.

**76.23(2)** The council shall be composed of the following categories:

*a.* Required members.

(1) The chair (or designee) of the department's perinatal advisory committee.

(2) The chair (or designee) of the congenital and inherited disorders advisory committee.

(3) With approval of the director:

1. A representative chosen by the Iowa State Association of Counties.

2. A representative chosen by the Iowa Dental Association.

3. A representative chosen by the Iowa Dietetic Association.

4. A representative chosen by the American Academy of Family Physicians, Iowa chapter.

5. A representative chosen by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Iowa chapter.

6. A representative chosen by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Iowa chapter.

7. A representative chosen by the state board of health.

(4) Three family representatives, appointed by the director, may represent parents with children and youth with special health care needs, parents with children participating in Medicaid or HAWK-I, or parents with children participating in child care or early childhood education.

*b.* Discretionary members. A maximum of 13 additional members from among the following may be appointed by the director:

(1) Adolescent health.

(2) Women's health.

(3) Insurance (private sector).

(4) Child care.

(5) Legal services.

(6) Child advocate.

(7) Social service.

(8) Infant mortality prevention.

(9) University extension services.

(10) Voluntary agency.

(11) Children's mental health.

(12) Youth.

(13) Child health.

(14) Adult mental health.

(15) Substance abuse.

(16) Domestic violence or sexual violence services, or both.

(17) Juvenile justice.

(18) Oral health.

*c.* Ex officio members. The following may serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the council:

(1) One state senator and one state representative.

(2) A representative from a local maternal and child health contract agency.

(3) A representative of the department of education, division of learning and results.

- (4) A representative of the department of human services, Iowa Medicaid enterprise.
- (5) A representative of the department of human services, division of adult, children and family services, bureau of child care and community services.
- (6) Director (or designee) of Child Health Specialty Clinics.
- (7) The chair (or designee) of the early childhood Iowa board.

**76.23(3)** Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments were made for the balance of the unexpired term. The nominations committee will make recommendations to the director for appointments.

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