



COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

Meeting. The Council on Human Services met on November 10, 2015, at the Hoover State Office Building in Des Moines.

Rules. Amendments to the Family Investment Program (FIP) rules were approved by the Council. This rule implements policies that allow families with an adult who is a nonqualified alien to apply for and receive FIP for their children for more than 60 months, if the family meets hardship criteria and all other FIP eligibility criteria.

The Council also approved notice of two rule packages that implement the Governor's Medicaid Managed Care Initiative. The rules include both technical and substantive changes to transition Medicaid management to Managed Care Organizations (MCO). Some of the substantive changes include changes to Level of Care, Incident Reporting, MCO Case Manager Involvement, Notification of Pending Facility Closure, Prior Authorization, Claims Payment Process, Estate Recovery, ICF/ID Provider Tax, Lock In Elimination, Provider Enrollment, and Transfer Notice. A Council member expressed concerns with the implementation timeline of managed care and support rendered to providers for implementation. There was also discussion regarding the usage of hospital emergency rooms in nonemergency medical situations.

Parent Partners Program. Wendy Rickman and Sandy Lint from the Department of Human Services (DHS) provided an overview of the Parent Partners Program, a mentorship program for parents involved with DHS that are working toward reunification with their children. Several Children and Families of Iowa (CFI) staff members shared personal accounts of how the program has helped them to regain custody of their children, and how they currently assist program coordination efforts by matching parents to partners within their respective service areas. The program is implemented using a contract funded by the General Fund [Child and Family Services](#) appropriation.

Disproportionality in Iowa: The Department's Role and Efforts. Wendy Rickman and Sandy Lint discussed the efforts of the Cultural Equity Alliance Steering Committee to address racial disproportionality and disparities among children and families in Iowa's foster care system. The Committee seeks to reduce disparities in Iowa's child welfare system by identifying and implementing culturally appropriate institutional policy and practice changes.

Director's Report. The DHS Director Chuck Palmer delivered a summary of two focus areas: the Governor's Medicaid Managed Care Initiative and human trafficking in Iowa. Mr. Palmer highlighted populations most vulnerable to human trafficking and how DHS continues to discuss ways to address the occurrence of human trafficking in Iowa. Director Palmer also introduced Paige Thorson, the Department's new Policy Advisor.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Council on Human Services will be December 9, 2015.

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