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**IOWA MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES (MHDS) COMMISSION MEETING**

**Joint Meeting.** The MHDS Commission met on May 18, 2016. The meeting was a joint meeting between the Commission and the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council. The purpose of the joint meeting was to inform each group of the other's activities and to coordinate activities and efforts when appropriate. Both the Commission and the Council provided updates on their activities over the past six months and, in addition, Rik Shannon from the Developmental Disabilities Council provided an update on their activities.

**Olmstead Plan.** The Department of Human Services (DHS) provided a draft of the update to the state's five-year Olmstead Plan. The DHS and the Olmstead Task Force are currently in the process of updating the Plan for 2016-2020. The goal of the plan is to lay out a framework to ensure people with disabilities, of any age, receive supports in the most integrated setting consistent with their needs.

**Community Connections and Supporting Reentry.** Caitlin Owens from the University of Iowa Center for Disabilities and Development provided an update on the first round of Community Connections Supporting Reentry trainings. The purpose of the trainings was to develop an understating of the challenges faced by individuals and their families as they reenter the community after incarceration and to establish connections between the corrections and community service systems.

**Legislative Update.** Representative Dave Heaton provided an update on the Legislature's activities during the 2016 session to the Commission and reviewed funding and policy highlights from [HF 2460](#) (FY 2017 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act).

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the MHDS Commission will be Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Polk County River Place. For more information and commission handouts please visit their webpage here: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/about/mhds-advisory-groups/commission>.

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