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**COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Council on Human Services met on July 13, 2016, in Des Moines for a public hearing on the Department of Human Services' (DHS) FY 2018 budget recommendations. Representatives from the following organizations were present:

- Youth and Shelter Services
- Juvenile Court Officers Association
- Iowa Hospital Association
- Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa
- Iowa Health Care Association
- Iowa Council on Health Care Centers
- Family Planning Council of Iowa Legislature
- Early Childhood Iowa
- State Child Care Advisory Committee
- Mental Health Services - Iowa Department of Corrections
- Iowa Psychiatric Society
- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
- Iowa Alliance in Home Care
- Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- Iowa Community Action Association
- ACEs Policy Coalition
- Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) Youth
- AFSCME
- Lutheran Services in Iowa
- United Ways of Iowa

**Agency Requests.** A common stated need among agencies within the DHS is salary adjustments for mental and behavioral health providers, as the state has faced difficulty retaining this particular subset of providers. The Juvenile Court Officers Association noted the replacement of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars by General Fund dollars for the purpose of providing graduated sanction services; however, there was an expressed need for funding for transitional services for youth exiting the [Eldora Training School](#). One proposed solution was to redirect decategorization funds going to community-based child welfare programs and expend more decategorization dollars on juvenile justice services.

In anticipation of the state's upcoming child welfare procurement process overhaul, the Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa requested a more transparent rate-setting methodology to support rate increases and decreases. There was also a request for an allocation to offset the administrative burden of prior authorizations and claims processing in the new Medicaid Managed Care environment.

**Next Meeting.** The Council's next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2016, and the Council will hold the next DHS budget meeting on September 13-14, 2016.

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